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## Happy Thanksgiving



### *To Our Readers:*

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we wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving,  
along with our thanks to you for your valued patronage.*



# Lawlor Criticizes Planning Board For Silence On Berkshire Power

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At the Planning Board meeting last week, member Frank Lawlor criticized the board for no appearing at the Department of Public Utilities hearing to go on record opposing Berkshire Power's request for an exemption to local zoning requirements. Lawlor is a member of the Concerned Citizens and Business of Agawam, the group leading the fight against the power plant.

"It's in our best interest to go on the record, not pro or con on the power plant, but to say, 'Hey, keep your paws off the town's zoning.' We're intelligent enough to make our own decisions."

Lawlor said the elected and appointed town officials who had any guts went on the record opposing state interference in local zoning issues at the public hearing last week.

## Still Plenty Of Time

Lawlor said there was still plenty of time for the Planning Board to send a statement to the DPU and offered to draft a letter on behalf of the board.

But Planning Board member Dennis Hopkins said the statement should be drafted by a member less biased than Lawlor, an outspoken critic of Berkshire Power.

Hopkins said he would support a statement opposing state exemptions "unless it is deemed necessary for the good of all."

Director of Planning and Development Deborah Dachos suggested that if a statement is sent to the DPU, it should include wording to indicate that if an exemption is granted, the power plant

must be held to the conditions of the site plan already approved.

Ms. Dachos pointed out that a veterans cemetery being proposed here would be exempt from local zoning control. Ms. Dachos asked if Lawlor intended to oppose the siting of the cemetery. Lawlor did not reply.

Ms. Dachos said she would like to correct a misconception concerning the extent of the town's ability to regulate business development in the Industrial B zone, including the site of the proposed power plant.

Ms. Dachos said people should know that the Agawam Regional Industrial Park is governed by eight pages of restrictive covenants, but the town does not have similar authority over the Industrial B zone.

"The zoning in the Industrial B zone is very lax and allows uses that people would be horrified to know about," Ms. Dachos said. "It's very important for people to know that our zoning is not adequate to protect the Town of Agawam."

Three years ago, hundreds of hours of work negotiating and studying changes to the Industrial B zone were shot down by the Town Council, Ms. Dachos said.

"A handful of people came out to say the changes would have a negative impact on them and they (Town Council) didn't make the changes," Ms. Dachos said.

6:55 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of EUGENE A. GATES who is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the storing of up to fifteen (15) unregistered vehicles at the premises identified as 69 GARDEN STREET, GATES AUTO SERVICE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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# Science Materials For Agawam's Schools Get Committee Approval

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The School Committee gave its unanimous approval to a proposal to purchase science materials to support the recently approved curriculum for science in preschool through the sixth grade.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson urged the committee to make a commitment of \$65,000 from next year's School Budget that will result in a savings of \$30,000 for the materials and an additional \$10,000 in shipping costs.

"This program correlates directly with the Massachusetts educational frameworks in science and has received the unanimous support of the elementary science committee," Johnson said.

School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin agreed. "We're on a roll right now. Let's keep it going for grades eight to 12."

Science Curriculum Coordinator Robert Sartwell and Robinson Park School Principal William Sapelli represented the PreK-6 Science Curriculum Committee in urging the purchase of the Silver Burdett and Ginn, "Discovery Works" hands-on science program.

Sapelli said the town has a unique opportunity to purchase the program, texts, manipulative, teacher editions, student workbooks, and supplemental materials and supplies at a discounted price due to a one-time special promotion (if a commitment is made before December 1st). Payments will be deferred until July 1st, 1997.

For \$65,000, the School Department will receive \$94,500 worth of texts, materials and supplies; free shipping and handling at a savings of \$10,000, and free professional development on applying hands-on techniques in teaching science to young students.

Sapelli said the offer was an outstanding opportunity to adopt and implement a science program for all of Agawam's PreK-6 students for an exceptionally low cost.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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## Letters To The Editor

### ZBA Against State Agency Granting Exemption To Utility

To The Editor:

To The State Dept. Of Utilities:

Berkshire Power Development, Inc. is, as we were led to believe, a privately owned corporation which sought to construct and operate a private, for profit business enterprise in the Town of Agawam. As such, they were subject to Chapter 180, the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Agawam. They were subject to the same Zoning Ordinances as any other business enterprise would be, subject to that wish to construct and/or operate a business in this community.

These Zoning Ordinances were created for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, morals, and welfare of its inhabitants under the authority granted the Town under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 1 to 17.

We, as a Board, take this task very seriously, and have a great responsibility to uphold these Zoning Ordinances in the best interests of the community as a whole.

We, as a Board and as legislature has so designated, are the permit-granting authority under our Zoning Ordinances to determine whether or not a proposed use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinances, and does or does not promote the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and businesses.

We, as a Board, do not feel that this proposed use of this land is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public as stated in Chapter 40A, Section 3.

As such, we do not believe that Berkshire Power Development, Inc. should be granted an exemption from your agency to circumvent the process adopted by our state legislature for the regulation of each community's zoning regulations.

That process is for a permit-granting authority (in this community, the Board of Appeals) to regulate and designate specific types of uses of our land under the Zoning Ordinances adopted by our legislative branch of government.

We, as a Board, take great pride in applying the facts of the application for a permit for a particular use on a property, to render a decision which is consistent with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

However, as important it is that we are the permit-granting authority, with the power to approve or deny an application for a particular use of property under our Zoning Ordinances, it is equally important that persons aggrieved of our decision have the right to appeal said decision.

In its wisdom, the legislative branch of our government has granted that right. In Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sec-

tion 17, it states that any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Appeals may appeal to the Land Court Department, Superior Court, Housing Court, or District Court. The legislature has granted the right of appeal to the Judicial Branch of our government, as it should be.

In fact, this Board of Appeals denied Berkshire Power Development, Inc.'s application for a permit in this matter, and Berkshire Power Development, Inc. did in fact appeal this decision to the judicial branch of our government as is their right. Yet in this petition to you, it is seeking to deny any other aggrieved person or party to exercise that same right which it had exercised in its appeal of this Board's decision.

In this Board's opinion, this agency should not deny the right of others to appeal the decision of this Board in this matter, according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17, and should allow the judicial branch of our government to resolve this difficult and complicated issue.

In conclusion, this Board believes that the right of a community to develop its community in a way in which it feels would be in the best interests of that community and adopts zoning regulations to do so, is sacred and should not be circumvented. If the community or the Board of Appeals has erred in its drafting or enforcing of the zoning regulations, any aggrieved person has recourse to our judicial system.

Thus, this Board of Appeals is of the opinion that with all due respect to your agency, the judicial process should be allowed to continue to resolve the difficult issues of law in this matter and this agency should not grant to Berkshire Power Development, Inc. an exemption to the Zoning Regulations and By-laws of the Town of Agawam, to construct a gas-fired electric generating plant at a site off Shoemaker Lane on Moylan Lane.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Board of Appeals members,  
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman  
Raymond Gendron  
Doreen Prouty

### Men's Volleyball League Says Thanks For Successful Season

To The Editor:

The 1996 version of our men's volleyball league wishes to thank the following for their valuable assistance in making this past season such a success. In no particular order, they are...

Park and Rec. Director Mary Keller and Administrative Assistant Nancy Pryce for their continual direction and advice.

Fitness First and Simmons Beautyrest — two local, community-minded businesses who sponsored teams.

Building Maintenance staffers Richard Pryce and Mike LaPlante — two gentlemen who kept us in a clean gym and graciously retrieved the balls we "lofted."

The Agawam Advertiser News for continuously promoting our league.

All those who donated time, talents, and equipment to keep us in tight netting, especially Terry Brouillette and Mark Langevin.

And each of our 40-plus participants who maintained a healthy balance of good sportsmanship and competitive athleticism in every match played.

It was a great season!

Agawam Park & Rec. Men's Volleyball League

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## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
**You Can Rest Assured When  
You Use Smoke Detectors...**

Each year, over 5,600 people die in their homes. The killer ... SMOKE. Smoke that is generated from a fire. You increase your chances of surviving a home fire by 50 percent with properly installed and maintained smoke detectors.

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Your home should have at least one detector on each level, especially outside the sleeping areas. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, it is suggested that you also have a smoke detector in the bedroom.

The smoke detectors should be tested at least once a month by pressing the test button or snuffing a candle and letting smoke drift into the detector. Replacement of the battery should be annually. A good time is in the fall as we go into the high fire season.

If your home does not have smoke detectors, purchase them today. If you don't remember the last time you tested or changed the battery in your detector, do it now ... so you can REST ASSURED.

For more information on the selection, installation, and maintenance of smoke detectors, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On November 18, 1996, William V. Barber of 19 Birchwood Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On November 20, 1996, Clark Dore of 32 Bryan Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving after revocation.

On November 22, 1996, Michael A. Blair of 72 Colony Road, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and trespassing.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Wednesday, November 27th  
Agawam High Football  
Bonfire/Pep Rally  
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Saturday, December 7th  
"Christmas Bazaar" by  
Agawam Senior Games Athletes  
At Agawam Senior Center  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8th  
"Breakfast With Santa"  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
At AHS, 760 Cooper St., Agawam  
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## Council Forms 3-Member Probe Committee...

## Johnson Poised To Veto Vote On Releasing Funds For Special Attorney

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Three town councilors have been appointed to examine evidence presented during a public hearing to determine if there has been a misuse of public funds relative to contracts between the town and an insurance consultant.

At the Monday, November 18th meeting, the vote was seven yes and four abstentions on a motion to table the vote to determine if public funds have been misused as charged by former Town Councilor Valentine R. Moreno. The sub-committee will review the testimony and documents submitted by Moreno with Attorney John Moriarty before making recommendations to the full council.

But the issue of paying for Moriarty's services had not been resolved at presstime.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he would veto the council's vote to hire Moriarty. Johnson has said that he would never authorize the use of the Law Department consultant fund to pay for Moriarty's services.

The council voted to hire Moriarty at the Wednesday, November 5th meeting, but the paperwork did not arrive for the Mayor's signature until November 18th, sparking yet another round in the power struggle between Johnson and Town Council.

The latest brouhaha over procedure focuses on when the 10-day deadline for a mayoral veto expires and why the paperwork took nearly two weeks to reach the Mayor.

Councilor Dennis Perry questioned why the paperwork went to the Mayor as late as it did from Council President Nancy Thompson and Town Solicitor Thomas Locke.

But Ms. Thompson said there was nothing out of the ordinary in how the paperwork was prepared.

"Once the council votes, the paperwork is sent by the council clerk to the Mayor's office and I get a call from the Mayor's secretary telling me to come in and sign it. This had nothing to do with trying to delay anything," Ms. Thompson said.

The paperwork wasn't sent to the Mayor's of-

fice until the end of the week. She was notified that it was ready for her signature on November 15th and she signed it on the 17th, Ms. Thompson said.

## No Violations Of Statutes Were Found...

At Moreno's instigation, the insurance contracts were investigated by the office of the State Inspector General and no violations of the pertinent statutes were found, according to Johnson.

In favor of a three-member committee to continue the investigation into Moreno's charges were Councilors Kent Servis, Jill Simpson, David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, Thomas Ennis and Dennis Perry.

Abstaining from the vote were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilors George Bitzas, Chris Quatrone, and Joseph Langone.

Offering to chair the committee, Suffriti said he did not feel there was a conflict of interest in serving on the committee, even though he had been a member of the council that had allegedly allowed a misuse of funds.

"I just want to get to the bottom of this," Suffriti said. "If I made an error in my voting on the budget, so be it."

Johnson said Moreno's baseless accusations are part of a smear campaign to discredit him and his administration.

Councilor Kent Servis said it was his opinion that the deadline for a Mayoral veto had expired 10 days after the council first voted to hire an attorney more than a month ago.

Noting that he did not think the Mayor had the right to veto the vote to hire Moriarty, Servis said a veto of the November 5th vote would only apply to the council's choice of an attorney.

"I can't imagine anyone having a problem with (retired) Judge Moriarty," Servis said. "He's one of the most respected jurists in Western Massachusetts. As far as I'm concerned, the Mayor can have no objection to Judge Moriarty."

Perry said he expected the sub-committee would schedule a meeting the week after the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Open Pantry To Hold 12th Annual Dinner On Thanksgiving Day

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its 12th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Civic Center on November 28, 1996.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend, and there is no admission fee.

Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If a ride is needed, please call 737-5354 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.

We have much to be thankful for; let's share it with others.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 5, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "Zoning," more specifically, the creation of an Adult Use Ordinance. A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Published: November 26, 1996

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## Bylaws Governing Animals In Agawam (Continued From Last Week)

### Section 96.6. RECLAMATION FEES. (Amended 8-7-1989 by TOR-89-13.)

An owner reclaiming an impounded dog shall pay an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) plus a boarding charge of eight dollars (\$8) for each day that the dog has been impounded.

### Section 96.7. FEMALE DOGS IN HEAT.

Every female dog in heat shall be confined in a building or secured enclosure in such a manner that such female dog cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding. The Dog Officer shall have the power to enforce a regulation to eliminate what he may deem to be a nuisance.

### DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

### Section 96.8. NUISANCES BY DOGS.

A. No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his or her dog to prevent said dog from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive or untimely barking, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking people or other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds or trespassing upon private property in such manner as to damage property shall be deemed a nuisance.

B. (Added 3-2-1992 by TOR-92-5.) Nuisances prohibited; disposal of feces. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, public way, path, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property, and the following conditions shall apply:

(1) The person who controls such dog within those areas described above shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog.

(2) The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of such dog by flushing the same down a sanitary sewer system or by use of a chemical container causing disintegration. In the event that a chemical container is used, ultimate disposal must be made in accordance with Department of Environmental Resources regulations concerning solid waste disposal.

### Section 96.9. VACCINATION OF DOGS.

Every owner and keeper of a dog more than six (6) months old shall cause said dog to be vaccinated or revaccinated by a licensed veterinarian with antirabies vaccine within two (2) years prior to the date of application for a dog license for a said dog. Application for each annual dog license shall be accompanied by proof of vaccination of the dog against rabies within two (2) years preceding the date of the application.

### LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996, at 6:40 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of ATTORNEY FRANCIS COLLINS, who is seeking relief from Section 180-27 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the separation of two single family residential structures at the premises identified as 35-37 SUFFIELD STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## DPW Reminds Residents About Winter Parking Regulations

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking between November 15th and April 15th.

The Department of Public Works has been empowered to declare on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and to tow any vehicles parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to declare bans against any on-street parking whenever a snowstorm of plowable magnitude is forecast. Residents should tune to local radio and television stations or the Community Bulletin Board on Cable TV Channel 5 for

announcements of bans.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clear snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduce the travelled width of the roadway and endanger the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

Residents are also advised that it is their responsibility to remove snow and control ice on the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a storm. The Department of Public Works is only empowered to plow sidewalks on major streets where children are required to walk to school.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by CARMEN A. AVERSA AND MARY E. SELLINGER AVERSA to PHH US Mortgage Corporation of 55 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, dated April 7, 1993, recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 8383, Page 108, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction, on Friday, December 6, 1996, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the mortgaged premises, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, sale to be held on the premises located at 158 Maple Street, Agawam, MA, to wit:

### EXHIBIT A

The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described in two (2) parcels as follows:

### PARCEL 1:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the land herein described and running thence NORTHERLY by the Easterly line of land formerly owned by B. Spencer, Six (6) rods; thence EASTERLY on a line parallel with the highway leading to Feeding Hills, Five (5) rods; thence SOUTHERLY on a line parallel and Five (5) rods distant from the Easterly line of the aforesaid Spencer's land Six (6) rods to the highway aforesaid; thence WESTERLY by said highway, Five (5) rods to the place of beginning.

### PARCEL 11:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Arthur C. Duclos, said point being Ninety-nine (99) feet Westerly from Maple Street and running thence WESTERLY Two Hundred (200) feet to a stake and stones; thence

NORTHEASTERLY Eighty-Two and 5/10 (82.5) feet; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY to the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Arthur C. Duclos; thence SOUTHERLY on said Arthur C. Duclos' Westerly line, Eighty-two and 5/10 (82.5) feet to the place of beginning.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorney the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder, and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

### TERMS OF SALE:

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water liens, if any there are. A deposit of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) in cash, certified check or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

DATED: November 6, 1996

MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, SUCCESSOR  
By MERGER TO METMOR FINANCIAL, INC.

Present Holder of said Mortgage

By its Attorneys,

MARVIN W. KUSHNER

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## Agawam Planning Board Approves Site Plan For Concrete Plant Off Shoemaker Lane

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A concrete batching plant has cleared its first hurdle in the local permitting process with the approval of the site plan by the Planning Board last week.

But Dauphinais & Sons Company could still be required to obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The public hearing before the board has been continued to Thursday, December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

At the Planning Board meeting, Director of Planning and Development Deborah Dachos said the building inspector had told her a special permit would not be required.

According to Building Inspector Nick Urbinati, one issue about seeking a special use permit from the Board of Appeals has been resolved because the building conforms with the 5,000 square foot rule in the Industrial B Zone.

Urbinati said he and ZBA Chairman Ronald Hebert were still determining at presstime a second issue which may require Dauphinais & Sons to appear before the ZBA.

Planning Board member Frank Lawlor tried to convince his colleagues to make obtaining a special permit from the ZBA a condition of the site approval. But there were no seconds to his motion.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996, at 6:50 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of FRANK R. SCALA, EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF ROSALIND O. SCALA, who is seeking a Variance in accordance with Section 180-35 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a separate lot at the premises identified as LOT NO. 16 MAPLE AVENUE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Ms. Dachos said the Planning Board has no authority to make a special permit a condition of site plan approval.

Board member Dennis Hopkins said cement would not be manufactured at the plant and no special permit should be needed.

"The process of making cement involves kilns with temperatures close to the surface of the sun," Hopkins said. "This plant is not a cement manufacturer."

The revised site plan presented by engineer Robert Hall showed a sheet metal building on a concrete foundation enclosing the concrete batching machinery.

Hall said the materials used in making concrete will be stored in the building and the trucks will be loaded with concrete material and water inside the building. Any dust associated with the making of concrete will be contained within the building.

Ms. Dachos said the new plant design would be the "cadillac" of the concrete batching plants.

The company has been instructed to use earth tones for the outside of the plant.

The concrete plant is adjacent to the site of the proposed Berkshire Power 252 megawatt, gas-fired power plant.

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## Regular Council Agenda For Monday, Dec. 2nd

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 11/18/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- (a) Resolutions
  1. TR-96-28-A Resolution confirming the Reappointment of Richard Bellico, 51 Parkedge Dr., FH, MA 01030 to the Historical Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2000 (Mayor).
  2. TR-96-29-A Resolution to honor the Agawam High School Boys Soccer Team for their outstanding 1996 season (Coun. Bitzas).
7. Report of Council Committees
  1. Comm. on Rules - Coun. Langone, Chairman
  2. Comm. on Ordinances - Coun. Quatrone, Chairman
  3. Comm. on Utilities - Coun. Gaba, Chairman
  4. Comm. on Licenses - Coun. Bitzas, Chairman
  5. Comm. on St. Acceptance - Coun. Suffriti, Chairman
8. Elections
  - None.
9. Public Hearings
  - None.
10. Old Business
  - (a) 1. TO-96-32-Voucher List (\$54.20).

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## The Veterans' Corner

### VA Adds Cancers To List Of Radiation-Caused Diseases

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published in the Federal Register an amendment to regulations adding rectal cancer and lymphomas other than Hodgkin's Disease to the list of diseases that may be considered for disability compensation due to ionizing radiation exposure.

Under the regulation, which is used to determine if a disease resulted from in-service radiation exposure, VA must consider the condition the veteran claims, the radiation dose a veteran received, and the time elapsed between exposure and the onset of the disease. Veterans do not have to prove that ionizing radiation may have caused any of the listed diseases.

Diseases already recognized as radiogenic under the regulation include all forms of leukemia, except chronic lymphatic (lymphocytic) leukemia; multiple myeloma; posterior subcapsular cataracts; nonmalignant thyroid nodular disease; parathyroid adenoma; tumors of the brain and central nervous system; and cancer of the thyroid, breast, lung, bone, liver, skin, esophagus, stomach, colon, pancreas, kidney, urinary bladder, salivary gland, and ovaries.

The list is not exclusive. In February, VA revised the regulation so that it will consider veterans' claims based on diseases other than those listed in the regulation, provided the claimant presents scientific or medical evidence showing the claimed condition may be caused by radiation exposure.

VA moved to add rectal cancer and lymphomas other than Hodgkin's Disease to the list on the advice of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, a committee of outside experts established by Congress to evaluate scientific and medical studies and to advise VA on radiation-related compensation issues.

Veterans or their survivors who wish to file claims can contact the nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000 for information and assistance.

If you have any questions on any of the aforementioned information in this article, contact Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent, at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236.

(Next week: "VA Provides Headstones and Markers for Graves.")

## Council On Aging Receives Grant For Community Outreach

The Agawam Council on Aging (COA) has received a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) to assist in doing outreach to the Feeding Hills section of town.

The COA will be hiring a person, part-time, to assess the needs of older residents of the area, develop programs, and to encourage elders from Feeding Hills to use services available from the Senior Center. The \$2,000 grant is awarded on a competitive basis statewide, based on the merit of each proposal.

Deputy Director Valina Carpenter stated, "It is gratifying to receive this grant because of the keen competition from other COAs throughout the Commonwealth."

"The transportation problems of Feeding Hills elders has made it difficult for them to avail themselves of the services provided at the Senior Center. We must reach out to these seniors," said Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the COA. The grant will be effective on December 1, 1996.

## Chief Says It May Be A Scam...

# If An Agawam Police Officer Calls, Call Station To Confirm It's Real!

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

It could be just a prank, but it's no laughing matter to police officials.

Recently, two instances of impersonating a police officer over the telephone have been reported to the police in what could be a scam to lure people away from their homes and leave the coast clear for burglars.

Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell said the bogus callers identified themselves as Safety Officer (Sgt.) Steven Draghetti and then asked the would-be victim to report to the Agawam Police Station.

Fortunately, in both incidents the victims became suspicious and called the station to verify the legitimacy of the calls.

Campbell said the scam had been used several years ago to send anxious parents rushing to the police station or the hospital at the phony report of an accident involving their son or daughter.

"When they returned home, burglars had cleaned them out," Campbell said. "Now they're using Sgt. Draghetti's name. People know he is the safety officer who investigates accidents so there is a tendency to drop everything and rush to the Police Station."

Campbell said the police often make telephone requests for people to come to the station, but

people should always call the department's business number (786-4767) to verify the call.

Campbell cautioned against asking any telephone caller for a call back number.

"If it's a phony call, you'll get a phony number," Campbell said. "It would be a good idea for people to keep our number handy."

### More Security Conscious

Campbell said people should be more security conscious with the upcoming holiday season. It's a busy time of year for the burglars who are counting on the fact that people will be attending more parties and family gatherings and leaving all the gifts home alone.

One precaution homeowners can take to make their property a less attractive target is to keep it well lit. The use of automatic timers to turn on the lights is recommended, especially during the daylight savings time when it's already dark by the time people get home from work, Campbell said.

Anyone with questions relating to the security of their homes should call the safety officer.

"Sgt. Draghetti would be happy to answer any questions and he could have the bike patrol officers stop by to give advice and offer tips on improving home security," Campbell said.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## Agawam Obituary

### Ethel A. Stewart

Ethel A. (Arnold) Stewart, 89, of 42 Oxford St., West Springfield, died at a local nursing home. Born in Waltham, she lived in Watertown before moving here 14 years ago.

She attended the Agawam Congregational Church. Her husband, Thomas R. Stewart, died in 1966. She leaves a son, David A. of West Springfield; a brother, Walter of York, Maine, and a grandson, Eric Stewart. Another grandson, Thomas Stewart, died in 1985.

A graveside service was conducted at Ridgeland Cemetery in Watertown. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, 425 Watertown St., Newton, 02158.

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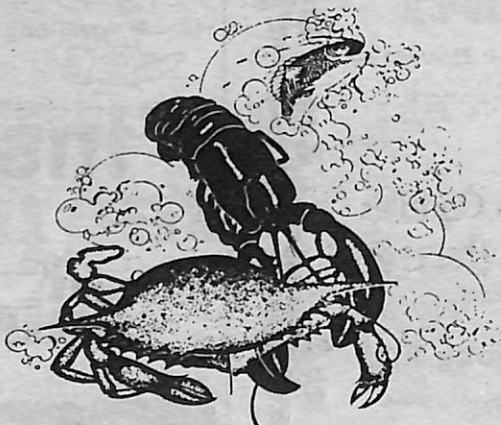
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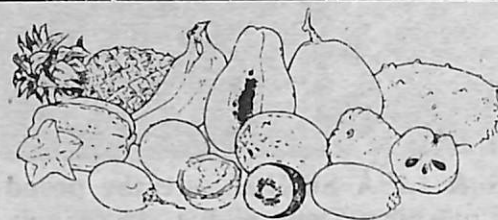
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## Families

# The Stork Wouldn't Wait As Dad Delivers Baby En Route To Hospital

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Thomas and Lisa Sibilia of 278 South Street had a late night race down I-91 with the stork. And the stork won!

Tommy was driving his wife (Lisa) to Wesson Maternity Hospital in Springfield as she had started labor for their second child. It was about 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th. They had passed the turn-off to I-291 when Lisa announced, "The baby's coming. We can't wait!" So Tommy pulled over to the side of the highway, not on a breakdown lane, more on the gravel, he said, and he did what had to be done. He delivered their baby.

Luckily for them all, Tommy had some medical experience, since he is a full-time nurse with Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurses Association. But he had never delivered a baby!

"As soon as I heard the baby cry, I figured everything would be alright. We put her in a warm blanket and I drove as quickly as I could to Baystate Medical Center. I thought the fastest

way to get to the people who could help us was to go directly to Wesson Maternity Hospital. So that's what I did," he said from his home last week.

Mother and daughter are home now and everything is fine. Little Emily weighed seven pounds, four ounces at birth and was 20 inches long. She has a 15 month-old brother, Thomas Sibilia, Jr., who took a lot longer to be born, his mother said.

Paternal grandparents of the children are Jerry & Marie Sibilia of Carr Avenue, Agawam, and maternal grandparents are Alan & Anna Whitehead of West Springfield.

Tommy studied nursing at Springfield Technical Community College. He chose nursing, he said, because he likes to work with people and to help them. Since this was his first delivery, he admitted to being nervous. "But it happened so fast we didn't have much time to get nervous. We just acted, and we are grateful everything turned out alright."

## Agawam Rotary Club To Hold 3rd Annual Charity Auction At Quail Run Estates

The Agawam Rotary Club will be holding its third annual charity auction on Saturday, November 30th at Quail Run Estates, which is located just off Cooper Street in Agawam.

A wide variety of items will be auctioned off, including autographed sports memorabilia, gift certificates, and tickets to various area events. A portion of the funds raised will fund the club's

scholarships; the remainder will provide for other charitable projects.

The preview will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the guest auctioneer, Police Chief Robert Campbell, will begin the auction at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Michael Grandfield at 589-0111.



THOMAS & LISA SIBILIA are the proud parents of newborn Emily Sibilia. The family already has one child, 15 month-old Thomas Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Holiday Open House At Leonard House



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### Santa Claus Visit At Pancake Breakfast Set By Jr. Women

On December 8th, Santa Claus will be visiting the Agawam Senior High School from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to meet all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast. He is asking that children bring their letters addressed to Santa, if they have not mailed them. Photos will be taken of Santa and your child upon request.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast and looks forward to the many children who attend every year. Tickets will be available at the door: Adults - \$4; Children - \$2.50, photos - \$2 each.

Food during the holiday season this year is in short supply for our elderly and our needy in town. A donation of a canned good would be appreciated.

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### Quail Run Estates Has Several Programs Of Interest To Elderly

On Friday, December 6th, SHINE representative Gail Noe will be at Quail Run Estates in Agawam. Quail Run is located on Cardinal Drive off Cooper Street.

The program is open to the general public. Health insurance problems will be discussed.

On Friday, December 20th, Quail Run Estates will present the Festival of Music. At 2:00 p.m., the "Sunshiners," a musical group, will be singing holiday music from around the world.

On the same day at 6:30 p.m., there will be carolers singing Christmas carols.

The public is invited to come to Quail Run to enjoy the music and complimentary refreshments.

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### Donna Anderson Becomes Bride Of Christopher Gregory

Donna Jean Anderson of Springfield wed Christopher John Gregory in a ceremony that took place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28th, at Holy Name Church in Springfield, with Reverend Hugh F. Crean officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Donald K. Anderson of Springfield and the late Anna M. Anderson. The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Pauline Gregory of Agawam.

Melody Ann Barron served as matron of honor. The best man was Michael Gregory, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride is graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield, Assnuntuck Community College, and Lesley College in Cambridge, MA, with a B.A. in management and finance. She is employed by the United States government in East Hartford, CT, and is presently serving in the Air Forces Reserves at Westover Air Force Base.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cathedral High School, Springfield, and Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York, with a degree in management. He is currently a customer consultant at Mass. Mutual in Hartford, CT, and a limousine driver in Agawam.

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## Tomkiel Accepts UNICO's "Man Of The Year" Award



LONGTIME AGAWAM HIGH WRESTLING COACH Phil Tomkiel recently accepted Agawam UNICO'S "Man of the Year" Award at a banquet at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Tomkiel has put AHS on the national schoolboy wrestling map since taking over the program in the 1970's. IN PHOTO LEFT, Tomkiel receives proclamations from State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan (left) and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Tomkiel is pictured with his family - Edna Tomkiel (mother), Diane (wife), and daughters Melissa and Elizabeth. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 2nd:** American chop suey, broccoli and cauliflower, rye bread, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, December 3rd:** BBQ ribs, baked beans, tossed salad, wheat bread, pineapple.

**Wednesday, December 4th:** Chicken breast, rice Pilaf, spinach, wheat bread, cookie.

**Thursday, December 5th:** Strip steak with gravy, mashed potato, carrots, pumpernickel bread, vanilla pudding.

**Friday, December 6th:** Clam chowder, tuna salad on a roll, cole slaw, jello with fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



AGAWAM UNICO PRESENTED AGAWAM HIGH WRESTLING COACH Phil Tomkiel with its 1996 "Man of the Year" Award. From left are committee members Richard Morassi, Jr., Phil & Diane Tomkiel, Richard DiLullo, Thomas Coppola, and Arthur Chase. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Senior Center's December Calendar

**Monday, December 2nd:** 1:00 p.m., bingo.

**Tuesday, December 3rd:** 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative Trudy will be available to answer all your health care insurance needs; 11:30 a.m., birthdays and anniversaries celebrated (if it's your birthday or anniversary, please call for your reservations in advance); 12:30 p.m., movie of the week; no blood pressure on this day (see Tuesday, December 17th).

**Wednesday, December 4th:** 9:00 a.m., podiatry with Dr. Dickert (call his office for appointment); no Golden Agers' meeting on this day at the Senior Center.

**Friday, December 6th:** 9:00 a.m., Enfield Mall trip (by reservation only; call the van line, 789-3838); 10:00 a.m., Mohegan Sun Casino trip kicks off; *reservations open* for the gala Christmas party scheduled for Friday, December 20th.

**Saturday, December 7th:** 5:30 p.m., bingo.

**Monday, December 9th:** 9:30 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van; 1:00 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Senior Center van trip to Bright Lights at Forest Park (by reservation).

**Tuesday, December 10th:** 12:30 p.m., movie.

**Wednesday, December 11th:** 10:00 a.m., S.A.L.T. meeting (open to Agawam residents who care about the safety of their neighborhood); no Golden Agers' meeting this day.

**Thursday, December 12th:** 9:00 a.m., podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

**Friday, December 13th:** 9:00 a.m., diabetes screening with Marilyn (no appointment needed); 9:00 a.m., van trip to Eastfield Mall.

**Saturday, December 14th:** 5:30 p.m., bingo.

**Monday, December 16th:** Bingo.

**Tuesday, December 17th:** 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available by appointment; 12:30 p.m., movie; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., free blood pressure clinic (no appointment).

**Thursday, December 19th:** 9:00 a.m., foot care nurses (by appointment); 11:15 a.m., mystery trip.

**Friday, December 20th:** Special holiday dinner with live entertainment (by reservation only).

**Saturday, December 21st:** 5:30 p.m., bingo.

**Monday, December 23rd:** No AARP meeting.

**Tuesday, December 24th:** 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Christmas brunch (by reservation); Senior Center closes at 12:00 noon.

**Wednesday, December 25th:** Senior Center closed (Christmas Day).

**Saturday, December 28th:** Bingo.

**Monday, December 30th:** 9:30 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van; 1:00 p.m., bingo.

## INFORMATIVE PROGRAM COMING YOUR WAY!

On Wednesday, December 4th, there will be a program on "The Killer Within" — a medical mystery known as cholesterol. The Senior Network, Inc., has sponsored a cholesterol educa-

tional video seminar program which is scheduled for the first Wednesday in December.

Your hostess for the program will be Sandra Smith, Activities Director. Reservations are not needed; just drop in and leave knowing a little more than expected about cholesterol.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Department. This program will be presented at 10:30 a.m.

## "IT'S TIME FOR A HEART TO HEART"

On Wednesday, December 11th, a short video, "It's Time For A Heart To Heart," will be offered at the Senior Center. The video will provide helpful information about congestive heart failure, which affects 4.7 million Americans (with 400,000 new cases each year).

This program will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Reservations are not necessary.

## BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

November birthdays celebrated were Richard Huebner, Ray Letendre, Jim White, Jr., Harriet

Keough, Al DellaPegorara, and Ann Markowski. Birthdays and anniversaries are always celebrated on the first Tuesday of each month.

If you would like to celebrate your special day with your friends at the Senior Center, please make your reservations early.

## AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES NEWS (ASGA)

The ASGA members are planning a Christmas bazaar to defray expenses for those talented athletes who have qualified to participate in the National Senior Games to be held in Tucson, Arizona.

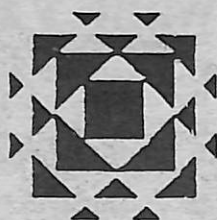
The bazaar will be held at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For further information and donations, please call Vi Presz, President, at 786-3164, or the Senior Center, 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Department.

## SENIOR CENTER VAN MALL TRIPS

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## Zenith Colorguard Plans Holiday Bazaar For Sat., Dec. 7th

Zenith Colorguard of Springfield will hold a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Greenleaf Community Center, Parker Street, Springfield.

Handmade ornaments, teacher gifts, knitted/crocheted items, wood handcrafts, wreaths, candy, etc. will be available.

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## Agawam Garden Club Decorating Portion Of Storrowton Village

The Eddy Law Office at Eastern States Exposition's Storrowton Village Museum will be clothed in seasonal splendor for "Yuletide at Storrowton" thanks to the generosity of the Agawam Garden Club. The annual winter holiday festival is free to the public and takes place December 7th and 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Using only natural greens and local and exotic dried materials, the Agawam Garden Club will donate their time, expertise, and materials to transform the Eddy Law Office into a holiday wonderland using swags made of greens, berries, and artemisia; window wreaths of rose hips and juniper; baskets of mixed greens and candles in the windows.

"Snowmen on Parade" will kick off the festival Saturday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m. Adults and children may dress up as their favorite snowman, snow woman, or snow kid, join in a parade around the Village Green, and compete for prizes for the best snow boy, snow girl, and snow family. Rain date for the parade is Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m.

The Village will be filled with a variety of activities that will warm you with the holiday spirit throughout the two-day event. Village visitors will find tours of the beautifully decorated historic buildings, musical performances, historic presentations, 19th century craft demonstrations, ice sculpting, barnyard animals to pet, and a pony carousel. Caroling and a tree lighting ceremony will take place at 4:00 p.m. on the Gazebo and children will have a chance to visit with Santa throughout each day.

There will also be holiday decorations and gifts for sale throughout the Village. Seasonal treats are on hand in the Holiday Sweet Shoppe in Potter Mansion and holiday gift items are available at the Storrowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House. Both shops are open during the event and the Storrowton Village Gift Shop will remain open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., through December 24th.

The whole family will enjoy the beauty of an old-fashioned holiday at "Yuletide at Storrowton," Storrowton Village Museum's gift to the community. Also taking place on the Exposition grounds December 7th and 8th is the New England Yuletide Craft Spectacular from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Better Living Center as well as the MarketPro Computer Show, December 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Stroh Building.

For more information on Yuletide events, call the Village at (413) 787-0136 or Eastern States Exposition at (413) 737-2443.

**OUR DEADLINE is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks. We open at 6:30 am**



**PARTICIPATING IN A CHECK PRESENTATION CEREMONY** recently at the Agawam VFW were, from left - Lori Baran, Larry Baran, Lisa Roy, Heidi Baran, Bob & Susan Twarkins, Norman J. McMahon (post commander), and Linda Sousa. A 50/50 Benefit raised \$2,100 that was given to the Twarkins Family and the Baran Family. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Two Local Families Receive Assistance From Agawam VFW's "50/50" Benefit

On November 7th, the Agawam V.F.W. Auxiliary - Post 1632, presented the checks from the 50/50 Benefit to Robert & Susan Twarkins, parents of Chris Twarkins, and Larry & Lori Baran, parents of Heidi Baran.

The benefit was a great success and we would like to once again extend a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the COMMUNITY for their most generous donations for the raffles.

Unfortunately, there were numerous donors,

that we could not list everyone individually. Therefore, a special Letter of Thanks and a Certificate of Appreciation is being sent to each and every one of our donors by the Auxiliary.

The Benefit raised \$2,100 total proceeds.

Once again, a most special thank you to all of the residents and non-residents that participated in this function.

On behalf of the Baran and Twarkins families, thank you for your support.

## Sounds Of Music Keyboards & Agawam Rotary Combining For Holiday Concert On Dec. 10th

Sounds of Music Keyboards of West Springfield in conjunction with the Agawam Rotary Club are proudly presenting a Holiday Concert at the Agawam High School on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.

This concert features Richie and Kathy Mitnick performing on Technics Digital Organs and Technics Digital Ensemble Pianos. You will hear traditional holiday music, from the light joyful songs to the traditional carols. Richie and Kathy have been performing in this area for many years, and their Summer and Christmas concerts are always greatly anticipated.

Performing with the Mitnicks in this concert are Ethel Lee, the popular DARE officer from West Springfield who is in great demand for her tremendous vocal stylings, and Anne Provencher, also a West Springfield native, who is a regular performer with the Mitnicks. She has enjoyed a great following of fans throughout the area, and often reminds people of Anne Murray or Rosemary

Clooney.

Also joining us this year is the incredibly talented Jessie Rivers, former Miss Senior Massachusetts (although you'll never believe it when you see her). Her voice and stage personality always ensure a great time for all. Libby Campa, a legend in this area for many years, has some special surprises in store. He will be performing with Mark Lopotosky who is joining us for the first time. Mark is a terrific vocalist as well as a fabulous guitarist.

Santa will be there to greet everyone, and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Admission is \$5 per person or \$3 if you bring a canned good or two to donate to the Open Pantry. All proceeds will go to the Agawam Rotary Club for their community projects.

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## Polish Women's Auxiliary Holds Crafts Fair



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY held their Annual Holiday Crafts Fair earlier this month. Some of the participants included, from left - Ann & Stan Ogorzalek, Cecelia A. Hufland and Jayne Christopher, and Bob & Maureen Fredey. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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# For Agawam's Joan Egan & Her Huge Family, The Holiday Season Is Always Extra Special

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Joan Egan of Maple Street, Agawam, recently left her 11-year job to give her more time to spend with her extended family of 19 siblings, in-laws, 97 grandchildren, 105 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Joan met recently with her eldest sister, Dorothy Grandi, to go over family pictures, scrapbooks, and memorabilia. In fact, these two, the first and 15th child of the family, meet every Tuesday for bonding and lunch. And with the holidays upon us, family gatherings are even more special.

Joan was the 15th child of Emily & Roger Sevigne in a family of 12 girls and seven boys, including twins. Joan and Dorothy recall when family events happened by how old different members of the family were at the time.

At one time, there were six of the seven sons in the Armed Forces, some serving in Korea and Vietnam. When their father died in 1948 at the age of 52, Emily was left with 15 children at home to raise. Emily died in 1981 at 78 years of age from osteoporosis and heart complications.

Both women show strong emotions when speaking of their mother, Emily. "She was one of a kind," Joan said. "She was a special, special lady." "No one could ever be like her. She was wonderful," Dorothy chimed in.

At age eight, Emily had traveled from her home in Liverpool, England, to Boston to live with an aunt, Edith. She was the youngest child to have traveled the ocean unattended and her story made headlines. Her entry into the United States was delayed, as her aunt was required to provide three well-known witnesses to verify her identity before Emily was allowed to go with her.

Emily lived with Aunt Edith for 15 years and married Roger Sevigne, a Bostonian, in 1922. A self-employed carpenter, Roger was also in the 104th Infantry National Guard and in the Reserves for about 27 years. He served in two World Wars.

"Perhaps it was his military training," Joan said, "that made him strict with the children. He never hit the girls, but he lectured and scolded, and the children were noted for being well-trained, helpful, and polite."

The children had to make their beds before school in the morning, Dorothy explained, "and we all had chores to do, such as washing dishes. The chores were rotated."

The family lived in many places from Boston to Ludlow, but mostly in Ludlow and Springfield,

Dorothy recalled. They often found it hard to find suitable housing, as they required a large yard and as many bedrooms as they could get. "It was like dormitory living," Joan said.

## Everything Was On A "Larger Scale"...

The family was like most families of the time, except everything was on a larger scale. There were good times and bad, but their mother would never allow the family to accept welfare. But they remember the generosity of neighbors and friends in hard times, especially when the father died.

Christmas was a time when they most looked forward to, when each child received one gift. "That was 19 new gifts in the house," Joan beamed. There were Christmases, however, with no trees and second-hand toys, she remembered.

At the annual Easter egg hunt, the children searched for real colored eggs and exchanged them for candy. The children make decorations for holidays. At Christmas, each child made one tree decoration using popcorn, papier mache, cones, bottle caps, etc.

Then there was the great fun of the July 4th picnics at Look Park, Northampton. And the family packed picnic lunches when they went to the Eastern States Exposition. They loved rolling down the hill behind the Big E parking lot, and they carried shopping bags for all the freebies at the Big E.

The family had a roller piano and the children gathered around to sing to piano roll tunes. Both women said their mother had a great voice and enjoyed singing and dancing.

They played games a lot and some of them included "King of the Hill," "Chase the Chicken," "Hide and Seek," "Hop Scotch," "Jump Rope" (especially "Double Dutch"), "Red Light," and "Ringalievio." Wooden boxes were made into dolls' beds, Joan said, and fruit crates became dollhouses. They made clothespin dolls and dolls' clothes from material scraps.

There were family tragedies, too, like in 1952 when their home on Parkview Street, Springfield, burned and they lost everything. The children moved in with their married brothers and sisters for six or seven months. In 1954 in Fiskdale, a hurricane and flood caused a dam to break and once again the family lost everything. They moved to Hadley Falls.

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JOAN EGAN OF MAPLE STREET looks over family scrapbooks of her 18 brothers and sisters. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The children were never allowed to wander the neighborhood, but friends were welcome to come and play in the yard. "We always had company," Joan said matter-of-factly. Once Joan went to Alabama to pick cotton, traveling with her brother, Eddie, who was in the Air Force.

## Stories That Will Never Be Forgotten...

Like every family, there were stories that never will be forgotten. One that has been retold over and over again was when three year-old Judy told four year-old Joan she wanted to fly, and Joan said, "So go ahead, fly," and then pushed Judy out a second-story window. Judy landed in a full basket of clothes and was not harmed.

Another time, Joan and Patty were chopping wood for the stove and Joan accidentally chopped off Patty's finger at the second joint. An older brother sent Joan to the attic stairs for punishment as family members took Judy to the hospital and had her finger sewn back on. Judy still points out the scar to Joan, Joan said.

SEE JOAN EGAN - Page 17.

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**PROUD MOM EMILY SEVIGNE** holds her twins, Jerry and Jim, and **EQUALLY PROUD DAD ROGER SEVIGNE** holds Patty, while the rest of the total family of 19 children pose for a family photo back in 1946.



**A RECENT FAMILY REUNION** brought 12 of the 19 brothers and sisters of the Sevigne Family to the Ludlow home of Dorothy Sevigne. Agawam's Joan Egan is in the front row (left).

#### JOAN EGAN - from Page 16...

In 1949, when there were 15 children at home, American Airlines had a contest and named the Sevignes the Massachusetts family with the largest number of children under 21 at home. The family was treated to a circus and their picture appeared in newspapers.

Another time, a newspaper did a lengthy story using the Sevignes as an example of courage on the home front during war.

Joan left high school at 15 to work and continue studies at night. She married Terry Egan when she was 16, and feels she was more mature than most 16 year-olds due to her upbringing. The couple are parents of four daughters and have nine grandchildren. They will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving.

Dorothy and Joan can rattle off the names of their family members: the boys — Roger, Norman, Richard, Edward, John, and the twins, Jim and Jerry; the girls — Dorothy, Gertrude, Phyllis, Elsie, Dora, Holly, Jean, Jackie, Barbara, Joan, and Judy.

Eighty-five percent of this family (or more) live in this state, and there are family reunions every few years. The one in June was in Ludlow at the home of Dora Charest and about 100 persons attended. "It is impossible to get all of the family together at one time," Joan said. "We usually get about 12, plus the children and grandchildren. We are a close family, and we enjoy noting the resemblance between generations."

Joan said her mother always gave each of the children and grandchildren a crisp \$1 bill on their birthdays and Christmas. "She never, never forgot," Joan said of her mother.

Eighteen of the 19 Sevigne siblings married. The unmarried brother, Norman, took care of their mother.

#### Agawam & West Side Rotarays Friendly Football Rivals

In the spirit of friendly rivalry, the Agawam and West Springfield Rotary Clubs will hold a combined meeting on Tuesday, November 26th, in anticipation of this year's high school football game.

Players and coaches from each high school will be the guests of honor.



**WHEN LIFE WAS SIMPLE** - Emily & Roger Sevigne in a photo taken in the mid-1920's **BEFORE** they parented the first of their 19 children.



The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th at the Agawam Senior Center from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Start your Christmas shopping now and select your gifts from our great array of many interesting items.

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#### Calendar Of December Events For Agawam Golden Age Clubs

**December 2nd:** Chapter 2 - Trip to Yankee Candle, then on to the Delaney House for dinner, followed by a trip to view the Christmas lights at Forest Park.

**December 3rd:** Chapter 1 - Trip to the Sheraton at Monarch Place for dinner. Mr. Frank Patterson, a renowned Irish tenor, will entertain us, then on to Forest Park to view the Christmas lights.

**December 4th:** Chapter 2 - Our annual Christmas party at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:00 noon; entertainment to follow.

**December 6th:** Chapter 1 - A dinner board meeting.

**December 11th:** Chapter 1 - Our annual Christmas party at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:30 p.m.; entertainment to follow.

**December 18th:** Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas party.

**December 25th:** Chapter 1 - "Merry Christmas" (meeting cancelled).

**December 27th:** Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting cancelled.

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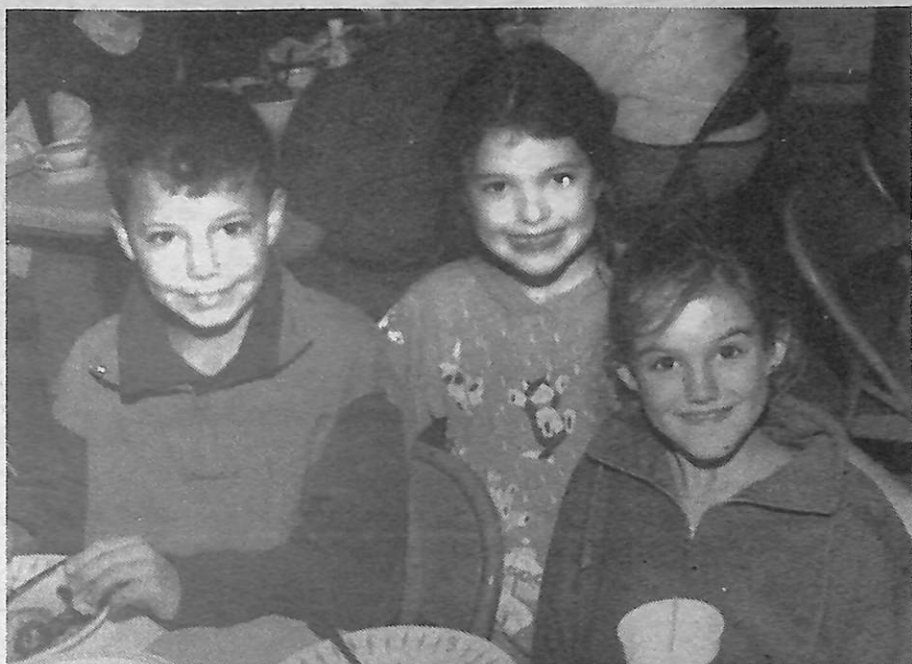
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# Church News

## Another Fine Meal At United Methodist Church



**THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** recently held a family supper in their church hall. **IN TOP PHOTO** - Eric Porth, Meghan Henry, and Katarina Porth. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, kitchen helper Debbie Telford begins to pour coffee for after the meal. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS LIKE** (from left) Chieko Rivers, Ken Barrepski, and Dana P. Henry, the recent church supper sponsored by the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street would not have been such a success. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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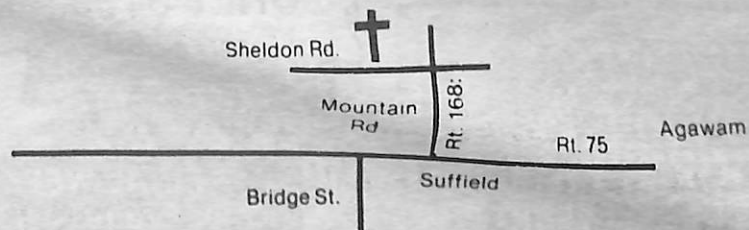
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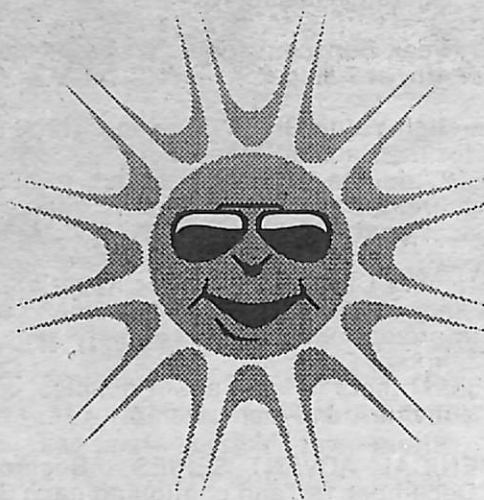




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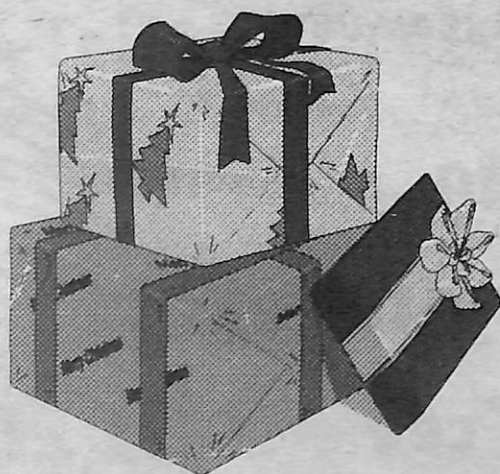
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## Church News - continued...

Weekly Calendar From  
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This Sunday, December 1st, is the first Sunday of Advent. This is also Communion Sunday. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "God is Faithful," taken from 1 Cor 1:3-9. The Children's Message will be "Trust in God."

The joint Advent Study Series, "Which Way to the Manger?", begins this Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Agawam at 7:00 p.m. The first theme is "Hostility/Hospitality."

The Midweek Service resumes on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Sr. High Youth Group is selling Christmas Wreaths for their annual fundraiser.

These 12" double-faced wreaths are available to order during the coffee hour following the Worship Service. Cost is \$10.

New Member Class - Friday, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in joining the church? Looking for information about the church and the United Church of Christ?

Come join others to learn about policies, committees, activities, and membership.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERIES - Beginning Sunday, December 1st, and continuing each Sunday through December 22nd, the Agawam Congregational and Agawam Baptist Church will sponsor an Advent Series entitled, "Which Way to the Manger?"

The sessions will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The first two sessions (December 1st and 8th) will meet at the First Baptist Church; the final two (December 15th and 22nd) will meet at the Agawam Congregational Church.

The first session theme will be "Hostility/Hospitality." Join us during this Advent season to journey through the season together.

Reminder: The 456 Club & Jr. High Youth Groups meet each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Two Churches Join  
For Advent Series

The Agawam Congregational Church and Agawam Baptist Church will sponsor a joint four-week advent series beginning Sunday, December 1st from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The first session, "Hostility/Hospitality," will be held at the Agawam Baptist Church with Reverend Curt Fuller and Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director, as well as the second session on Sunday, December 8th.

The following two sessions, December 15th and 22nd, will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church with Reverend Rick Barnes and Tim Diek, Christian Education/Youth Director.

Join us to journey through this special holiday season together.

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News And Notes From  
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. The first Advent candle will be lighted during worship, which begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will preach a sermon entitled, "An Act of Faith." Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Board of Trustees calls for a Special Meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, December 1st, at 11:00 a.m. to act upon the following:

To transfer \$2,600 from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Building Fund to pay for a gas furnace which has been installed at the parsonage.

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Christmas party beginning at 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 15th. Luncheon and pot luck desserts will be followed by fellowship, carols, and perhaps a surprise visitor?

Use the sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall or call the office to let us know you'll be coming. Sleigh transportation provided upon request!

The Flower Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to be put on the altar for Christmas Sunday. Please call the office at 786-5061 or speak to Sharon Rozanski, Betty Bava, or Barbara Burgamaster in church.

On the calendar this week:

**Sunday, December 1st:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning worship; 11:00 a.m., Special Meeting called by Trustees; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

**Monday, December 2nd:** 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

**Tuesday, December 3rd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, December 4th:** 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, December 5th:** 2:50 p.m., Girl Scouts.

**Friday, December 6th:** 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

**Saturday, December 7th:** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., OF Roast Beef Supper.

Operation Friendship  
Slates Regular Dinner  
For December 7th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on December 7, 1996.

Servings are from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$7.25, children under 12 are \$4, and children under five are free.

For reservations, call 786-7898. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Reflections...

submitted by  
**Rev. Peter Monahan**  
Pastor of the Church  
of the Apostles,  
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*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great king above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. (Psalm 95:1-7)*

We all have so much to be thankful for. One thing this writer is thankful for is the young people of our church. They give us such special insights with their perspectives on life. Recently, we asked the middle schoolers to share some of the things they are thankful to God for. They were allowed to think of anything they wanted to, from "the depths of the earth" to "the mountain peaks" of our common life.

Here's what they came up with: Toothpaste. Clean toilets. To be able to brush out tangles without pain. Escalators. Even-flow ink pens. The end of hiccups. Disinfectants. Freedom from getting caught in a folding chair. Jumper cables. Families with a positive cash flow. Diesel engines. Declawed canaries. Hot dog bun warmers. Pop-up tissues. Tune-ups. Unmelted candy bars. Fluffy pancakes. Oxygen. Snack-snacks. Spackle. Lightweight backpacks. Unexpected miracles. Paid vacation days. Expected miracles. Snow days. Bifocals. Finding a cookie left in the cookie jar. Antique buttons. Dishwashers. Clean public beaches.

Street signs. Roadside rest stops. Breakfast in the sunroom. Dollar sized pancakes. Femininity Forks. Masculinity. Blocked UV rays. Yearbooks. Clearly marked exit lanes. Janitors. Fattened calves. Computers. Four-day weekends. Two year-olds dancing their socks off. The birth of quadruplets. Decathlon athletes. Tumblewood. Indoor plumbing. An empty laundry basket. Privacy. Finding enough milk left for your cereal. Hinges. Oreo cookies. The inventors of TV. Interesting substitute teachers. Mashed potatoes without lumps. Electrical tape. Two weeks away from school. Toll-free numbers. Heating. Air conditioning. The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Duct tape.

Some people might think the thanksgivings listed above are somewhat silly. Some of them are. But in reality, aren't they the sort of things which make our lives easier and better? Upon reflection, we probably would not wish to give many, if any, of them up.

This Thanksgiving, wouldn't we all do well to join with the Psalmist in singing for joy to the Lord for all the wonderful blessings He has poured out upon us? They are signs of His love for each and every one of us! Take a few moments and ask yourself: what are among the many blessings you would like to thank God for?

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## Church News - continued...

## Many Activities At St. John's Church

## Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:15 a.m. on in the lower Church. This is for anyone, child or teen who will read, sing in the choir, take part in the pageant, etc. For information, call Sr. Fran Gloster, 786-8105.

## St. John's Guild

Annual Advent Supper December 3rd at Storowton Tavern. Reservations (paid) deadline: November 27th. For information and reservations, call Barbara at 786-7428.

## Bazaar

There is only one more week to drop your returns into the collection basket. Returns may also be made to the Parish Office.

Reminder For Catholic Women's Club: Any member wishing to donate a gift for the Open Pantry Christmas Party for needy children may do so by bringing the gift to the Parish Center on Friday, November 29th. Kindly wrap the gift marked "girl or boy and age."

## 9:30 Pre-School Sunday Mornings

Volunteers are available each Sunday for "The Little Bible School" for pre-school children during this Mass. Parents are asked to bring them downstairs in the Church a few minutes before Mass and pick them up immediately after Mass.

## Bazaar Needs

The Bountiful Basket Raffle is in need of non-perishable food. The Jewelry Booth can use any jewelry, even broken ones. The Christmas Booth will again have large, live beautiful wreaths as in the past. Don't forget your attic treasures: remember, someone's junk is someone else's treasure.

## Agawam Singles

December 4th: Advent Meeting at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow after the service.

December 7th: Holiday Pops at Symphony Hall. Call Kay, 786-8442.

## Advent Triduum

The Sisters of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills invite all to an Advent Triduum on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:00 p.m. (three evenings of prayer and reflective input in preparation for Christmas).

## Trading Post Has "A Big Sale"

The Trading Post at First Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Sts., will host a "Big Sale" on Wednesday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Upstairs, save 50 percent; downstairs, save 20 percent. A \$4 Bag Sale will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Outstanding buys will be featured on Stylish Stouts, Misses, Juniors, men's apparel, children's clothing, baby articles, holiday attire, coats, jackets, jerseys, sweaters, blouses, jeans, slacks, skirts, shoes, boots and skates, household items, and knick-knacks.

Remember, we are now open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## Advent Celebration At First Baptist Church

The beginning of the Advent season will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service with the observance of Communion. Special music will be offered by the choir.

After the coffee and conversation time, classes will be held for all ages until 11:45 a.m. As usual, nursery care is available.

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At 7:00 p.m., the first in a series called "Which Way to the Manger — A Journey Worth Taking" will be held in cooperation with the Agawam Congregational Church. This series will be presented on four Sundays in Advent, the first two of which will be at First Baptist and the remaining two at the Congregational Church. Leaders of this presentation will be Rev. Curt Fuller and Rev. Richard Barnes. Light refreshments will follow each session.

This Sunday's session is entitled "Hostility/Hospitality." The public is invited to be a part of this special event.

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On our calendar this week:

**Monday, December 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., Bible Study at the home of Joanna Curran; 7:30 p.m., Sunshine Circle; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle.

**Tuesday, December 3rd:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

**Wednesday, December 4th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Mid-Year Meeting of the Church (all members urged to attend).

**Thursday, December 5th:** 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

**Friday, December 6th:** 7:00 p.m., Senior Youth Group.

**Saturday, December 7th:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

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On Sunday, December 8th, our youth will be attending a Christian concert in Worcester. See Tim Deik, Christian Education Director, for last-minute reservations.

## Grace Lutherans Slate 18th Holiday Fair On Sat., December 7th

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 18th Annual Holiday Fair on December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craftpersons as well as traditional church shops. There will be a luncheon featuring sausage grinders and homemade soup served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Women in Christ group to help fund their missions.

Best local news...

## St. David's Tag Sale



ST. DAVID'S CHURCH in Feeding Hills held a Tag Sale earlier this month. IN TOP PHOTO, Laura Fontaine, Diane C. Fernald, and Mary Guthi were three of the participants, and below - Norma Turcotte received help from Amanda Boissonneault and Lindsey Fernald. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Spotlight On Business

### Open House Held At Surprise! Card & Gift



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**SURPRISE! CARD & GIFT STORE** is located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza next to the new Geissler's Supermarket. Surprise! is a Hallmark store so you can expect the very best in Christmas cards and nice Christmas gifts, including many of the famous Hallmark ornaments. Stop by and see owners Bob & Barbara McElligott and staff today. Surprise! is open seven days a week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Longo Carpet Cleaning Can Make Your Floors Shine Like New!

Thought you were stuck with dull, dirty vinyl floors forever, or until you replaced them? Think again. It's now possible to resurface those old, dull floors and make them shine like new.

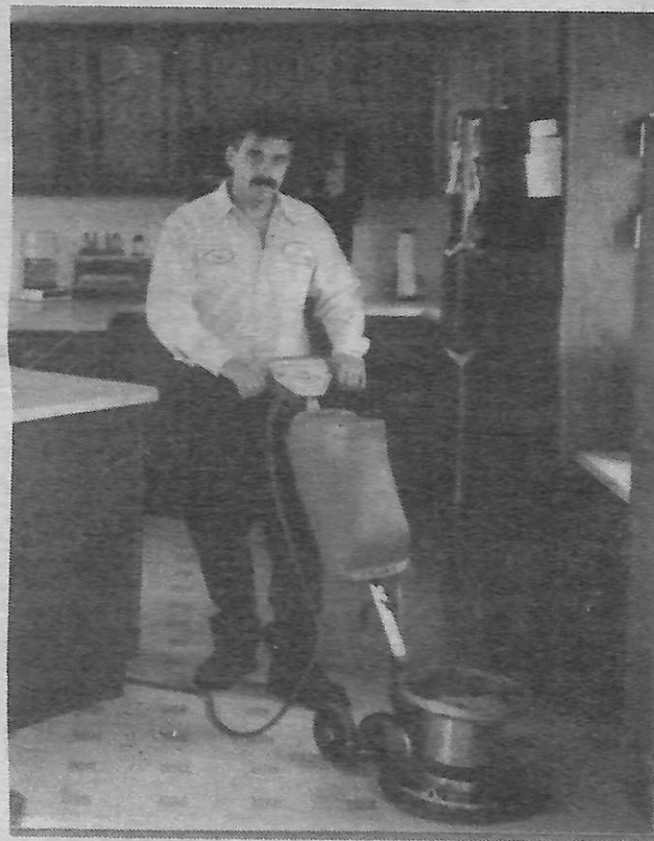
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He also recommends that for optimum shine, this treatment, taking less than two hours, be repeated approximately every six months or as needed. Money-saving maintenance contracts are available.

The cost for the vinyl flooring resurfacing is less than \$100. For appointments scheduled between now and the end of the year, Longo is offering a \$10 savings. In addition, if combined with two or more rooms of carpet cleaning, enjoy a total savings of \$25.

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...*

## Woronoco Savings Announces Expansion Of Main Office

Cornelius D. Mahoney, President and Chief Executive Office of Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield, announced the expansion of the main office located at 31 Court Street.

Construction for the 15,600 square foot expansion will begin in the spring of 1997 and will take approximately one year to complete.

As a result of the expansion, all bank operations will be consolidated in one building. This will enable the bank to provide a better working environment for the employees, accommodate future growth, and offer a higher level of service to its customers.

Mahoney stated that "the bank has grown rapidly during the last few years and has outgrown the space available at the 31 Court Street main office." He indicated that "the building was originally built in 1951 and has been expanded in 1966 and again in 1978. The proposed expansion will more than double the space."

Business Invirons, Inc., from Rocky Hill, Connecticut, an architectural, engineering, and design firm, has been retained as the project manager. Their overall design of the expansion will compliment the existing colonial design of the bank.

Trust and Investment Services and other departments currently located in the adjacent building at 35 Court Street will be relocated to the main building upon completion of the expansion. The adjacent building will be demolished and replaced with additional parking.

The new addition has been designed to wrap around the north and west sides of the existing building, reflecting the nested gables of the original building. The two-story addition is kept along the north side of the site so that the effective impact of the addition is reduced on the southwest customer entry. An attractive walk and garden are planned at the new entry.

The expanded building will be designed with the customer in mind. For accessibility, the bank will continue to have the same side and front entrances. The interior of the bank will be redesigned from a customer perspective and allow bank customers to have much more access to the various departments. In addition to the ATM in the vestibule, the bank will offer a drive-up ATM and two drive-up teller windows.

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## Westfield Savings & Mitch's Gardens Join For Tree Promotion

The Agawam office of Westfield Savings Bank passed the \$100,000,000 level in total deposits as of October 30th, it has been reported by Bank President, Donald A. Williams. "We are extremely pleased with the success of our Agawam operation and feel a very close bond with the community," he reported.

"We have maintained an office in the town since 1968 and the majority of our employees in Agawam are local residents. As a way of thanking the people of Agawam for their loyalty and support through the years, we are holding a one-week celebration from November 22nd through November 30th."

During that time, patrons will be able to register for drawings of 100 fresh-cut Christmas trees from one of our Agawam customers, Mitch's Gardens on Suffield Street, and a 27" Zenith television set as our grand prize," Mr. Williams added.

"Credit for the success we have enjoyed in Agawam must go in large part to our staff, including Manager Donna Kennedy and Assistant Manager Cynthia Bajek. Other members of the Agawam staff include: Melissa Blascak, Cheryl Clark, Isabel Crespo, Kathleen Ferguson, Sheryl Fleming, Dorothy Lent, Lynn Racine, Donna Rucio, Connie Sandillo, Mary-Beth Sherbo, and Sharon Vigneault.

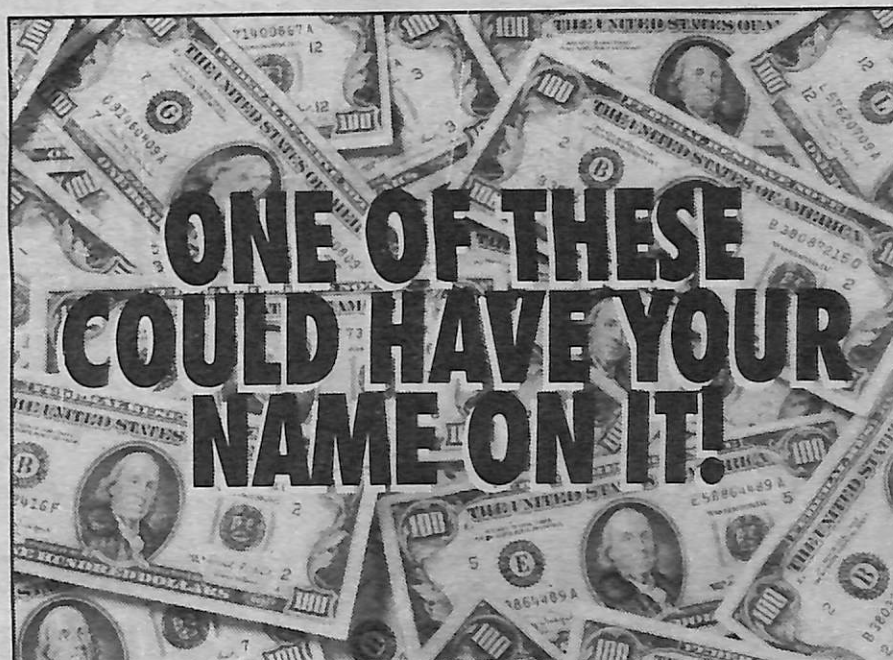
"We look forward to continuing to bring the best in banking to all of the citizens of Agawam as well as to the businesses which serve the town," Williams concluded.

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**WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK** Agawam branch Manager Donna Kennedy and Stephen Micelotta, manager of Mitch's Gardens on Suffield Street, have joined forces for a Christmas Tree promotion to celebrate the Agawam branch reaching the \$100 million level in total deposits. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## For Your Health

### Handling The Holiday Blues

by Mary Frances Wall  
LICSW • Program Director  
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(786-6410)

How often have you heard a friend say, "I can't believe the holidays are here already!"? Most would agree that holidays tend to be a time of excitement, anticipation, hectic schedules, and lots of good food. Magazines and television encourage us to idealize the holidays as times of unalloyed happiness.

Particularly as adults, however, many of us find the holidays a time of sadness and disappointment. A "blue" mood out of sync with what the media tells you to feel may only increase a sense of sadness and isolation. If you have recently lost a loved one, or the holiday season is the anniversary of such a loss, it will be hard to be enthusiastic for activities such as gift-giving or parties.

At this time of the year, we often feel sad about other losses, such as the inevitable losses that come with aging, with children leaving home, or with illness. When our choices and decisions regarding our social or family relationships have not turned out the way we planned, we may begin to feel depressed.

As adults, we are responsible for the way we feel — happy, angry, sad, or depressed. Allow yourself to participate in holiday activities at a level that feels comfortable to you. Create an environment that makes you happy. Giving to others can be the basis for friendships. You can share with those who aren't relatives.

Direct your energies to projects that will make you feel better about yourself and add new dimensions to your life. Be good to yourself; do something just for yourself. Only you can decide whether to make this holiday an opportunity to expand your life or allow it to send you into the depths of despair.

Many adults experience holiday blues. If you feel that the blues may be drifting into depression, it may be time for professional help. We cannot turn off post-holiday depression overnight, but there are choices we can make to help us feel better and to make this new year happy and successful.

The Agawam Counseling Center is now sponsoring two free groups dealing with issues of loss and transition, one for elder citizens and one for women in transition. Call the Center (786-6410) for more information.

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## Here's Several Important Tips To Keep Your Home "Holiday" Safe

"As Thanksgiving and other holidays approach, spending time with relatives both near and far can be a festive time, but for curious children it can also serve as a source of danger," noted Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition, headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

"People who have never parented or those with grown children can be unaware of the hazards that infants and children may face in their home," said LaRoche.

Each year, more than five million children are unintentionally injured in the home. Nearly 3,000 children die each year from injuries sustained in the home. To help reduce the risk of tragedy during this year's holiday season, the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition and the National Safe Kids Campaign offer the following tips for childproofing relatives' homes:

#### The Kitchen

- Keep children out of the kitchen while preparing meals.

- Store dangerous items, such as chemicals, out of reach, or offer to get safety locks for the cabinets.

- Keep appliance cords, placemats, and table cloths out of reach. Children are naturally curious and may pull on cords, unintentionally pulling the appliance on top of them. Children learning to

walk are constantly reaching for objects to help them keep their balance.

- Use only back burners on the stove. If front burners are used, turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.

#### The Bathroom

- Lock medicine cabinets and remove sharp utensils and appliances from the bathroom, such as razors, scissors, and blow dryers.

- Lower the temperature of the water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Each year about 5,000 children are scalded by tap water, most often found in the bathtub.

- Install toilet locks. A young child can drown in as little as one inch of water.

- Keep syrup of ipecac, used to induce vomiting, in a locked medicine cabinet. Use it only on the advice of the poison control center or a physician.

#### The Bedroom

- Beware of old cribs with sharp edges or dangerously placed slats.

- Keep beds and cribs away from windows and drapery to avoid falls or strangulation.

Also, use a playpen for young visitors, cover all unused electrical outlets, check the house for fire hazards, and post emergency numbers for the poison control center, the pediatrician, fire and police departments, and a responsible number by the telephone.

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The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet December 3rd and 17th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

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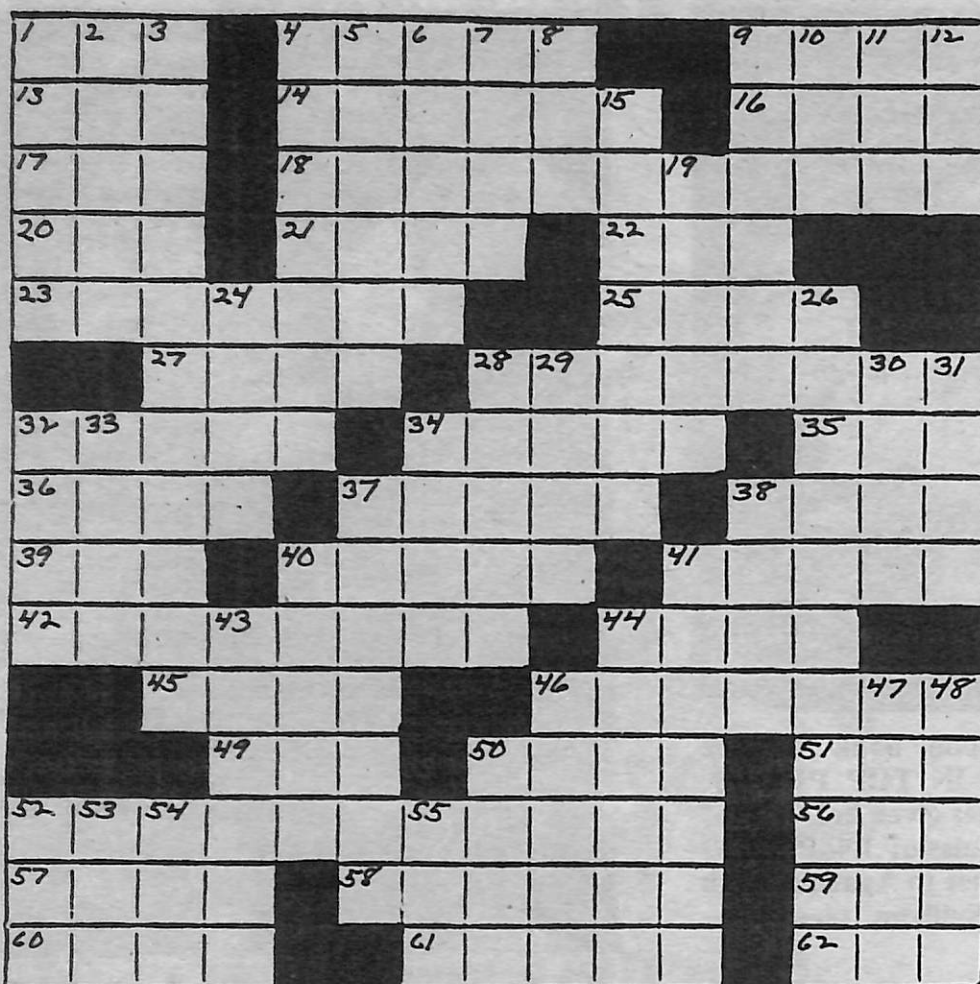
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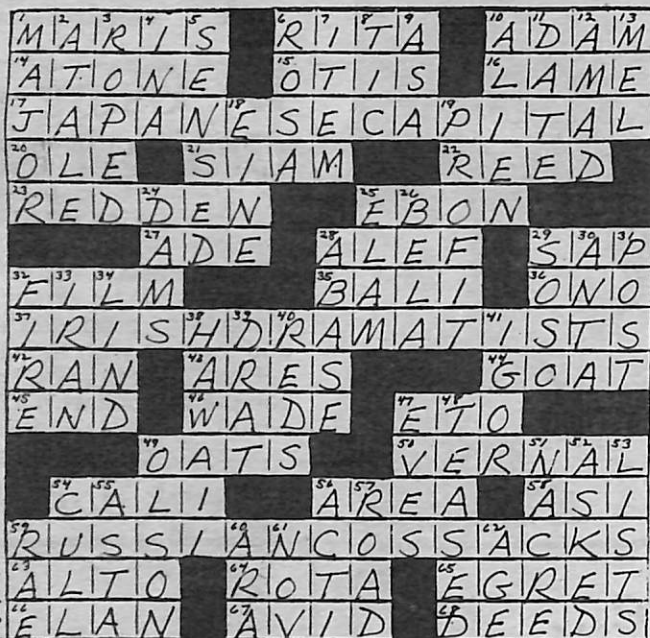
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## Last Week's Solution...



## Women's Rights At Agawam Library

Come to the Community Room at the Agawam Library on Friday, December 6th, and watch Marianne Donnelly bring Louisa May Alcott to life. Her research of this and other famous women is used to create electrifying portraits.

I know. Ms. Donnelly had me almost leaping from my seat as I watched her truly memorable creations. When *The Boston Globe* referred to her performance as "zesty fun" by an "accomplished actress," they were right on the mark.

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## Springfield Symphony Getting Ready For "Holiday Pops"

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra will deck Symphony Hall with boughs of holly and bows of instruments as they present their traditional annual Holiday Pops concert December 7th at 8:00 p.m. and December 8th at 3:00 p.m. The spirit of the season will be in full force as the Symphony presents traditional carols, spirituals, and an audience sing-along.

Joining the Symphony will be soprano Bridgett Hooks, performing Verdi's *Ave Maria* as well as a selection of spirituals and folk songs. Hooks is quickly gaining fame as a versatile and dynamic operatic singer, having recently performed with the National and San Francisco Symphonies, and the Cleveland and Minnesota Orchestras.

Music Director Mark Russell Smith has programmed a concert filled with old favorites and new selections destined to become traditions. The Symphony will perform classics such as "O Holy Night," "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and selections from "The Nutcracker," as well as lesser known tunes like "Gesu Bambino" and "Fantasia on Christmas Carols." Bach's Christmas Oratorio, "Cantique de Noel" will open the program, performed by the Springfield Symphony Chorus.

Cantor Morton Shames of Temple Beth El will lead a celebration of the Jewish festival of lights, Hanukkah, with selections of holiday classics and a lighting of the menorah. The audience will be asked to join in a rousing sing-along in conclusion of the concert.

Tickets are still available ranging from \$5 to \$35 at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office. For children aged 3 to 17, the Symphony offers half-price tickets, and a 25 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more. The Box Office is located at 75 Market Place, Springfield, or tickets can be charged by phone at 413-733-2291.

## Shaun St. Jacques In STCC Production

The Gallery Players of Springfield Technical Community College will present Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* in early December, according to STCC President Andrew M. Scibelli.

The three-act play is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6th; Saturday, December 7th; Friday, December 13th; and Saturday, December 14th. There will also be a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, December 8th.

All performances will be held in the theater of Scibelli Hall at STCC.

Professor Dennison G. Rice, the producer and director of the show, said that tickets are \$10 for the general public, and \$6 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door, or at the STCC Student Activities Office or the STCC Bookstore.

Rice, who teaches speech, English, and drama at STCC, said that the cast will include Shaun St. Jacques of Feeding Hills.

Rice explained, "In this classic play, Miller examines the American Dream gone awry. Despite best intentions and highest expectations, we are often at a loss to understand why our children do what they do. While we would make very different choices, we must adjust to their choices and their world. This has always been true; living it is the hard part."



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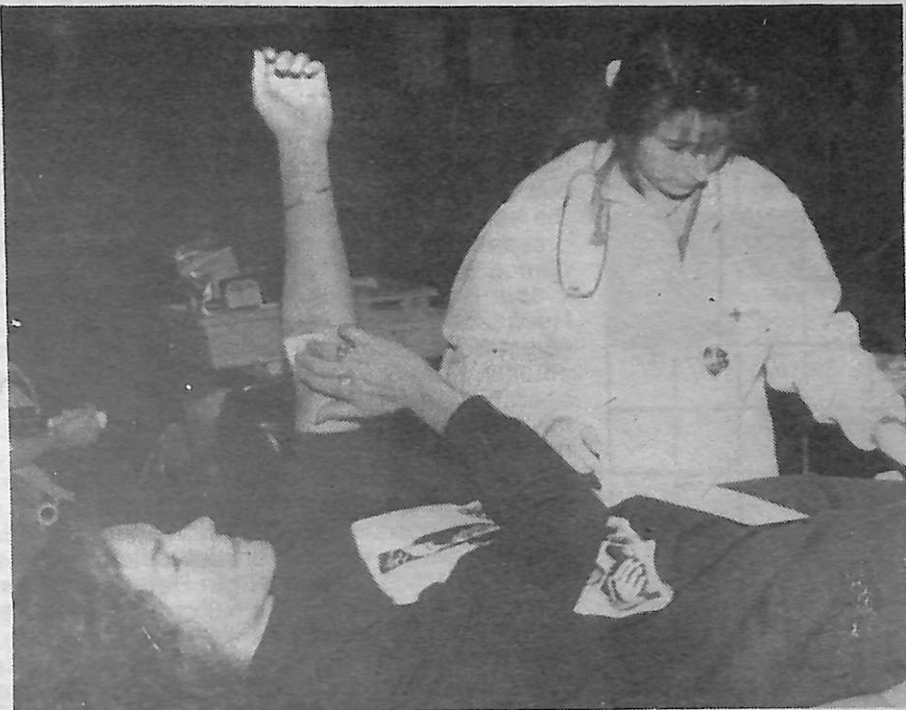
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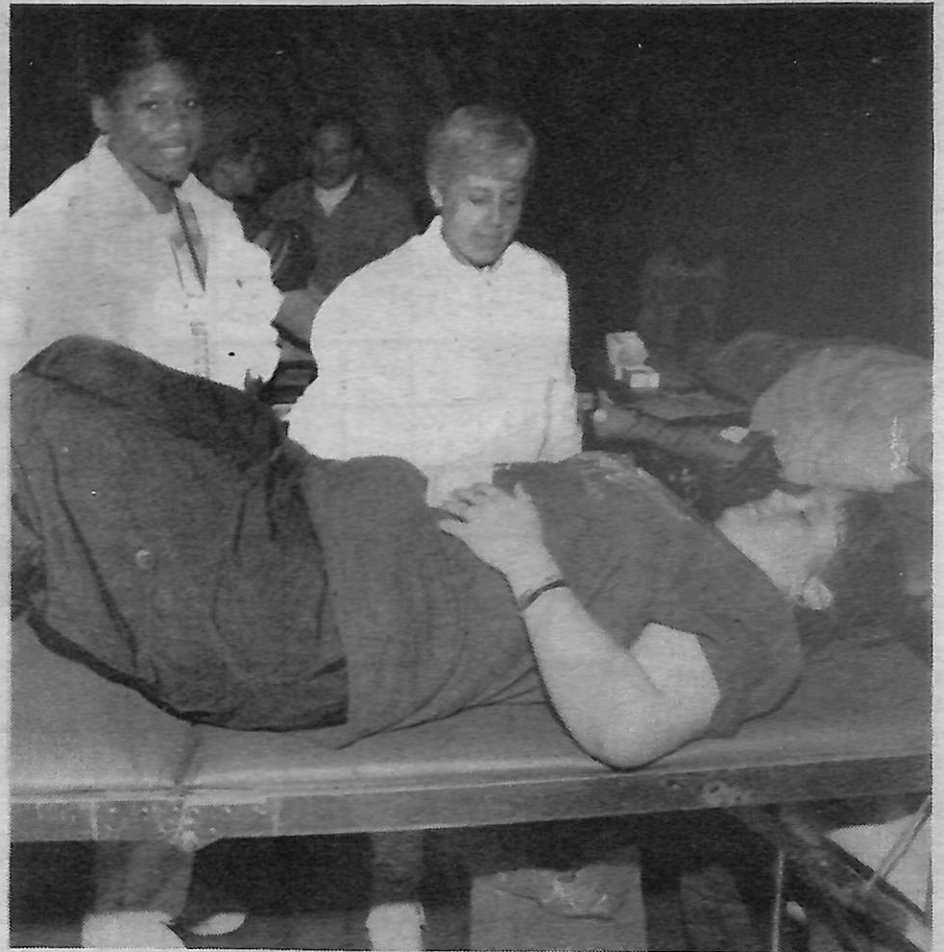


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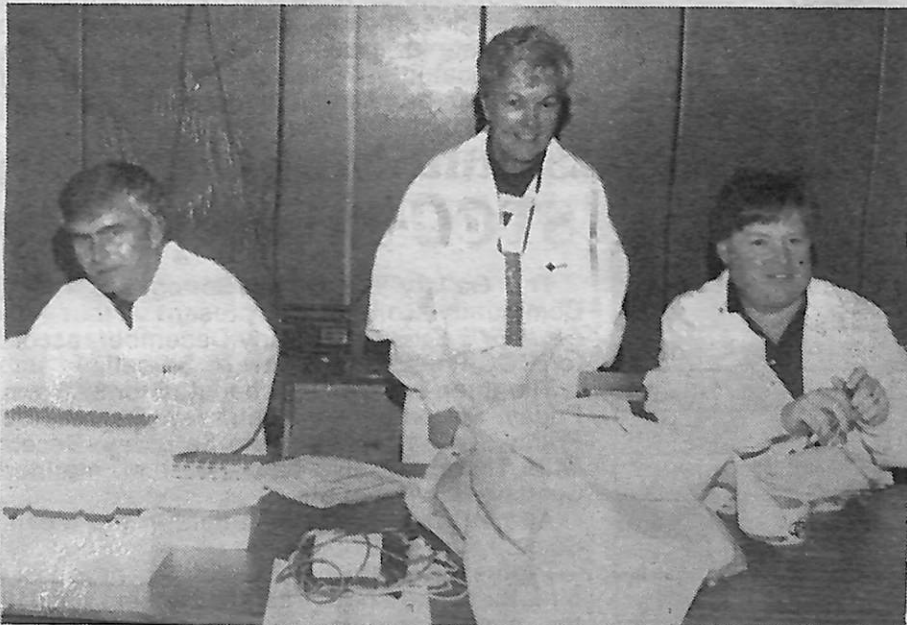
### Blood Bank At Agawam High School



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL held a blood bank for the American Red Cross earlier this month. IN TOP PHOTO, foreign language teacher Melanie Poudrier has given her "gift of life" with the assistant of R.N. Sandy Caissio; IN PHOTO BELOW, part of the Red Cross staff who came to Agawam High are Joe Hickey, Peg McMahon, and Barry Sullivan. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Blood Drive earlier this month, Kimberly Eary and Cheryl Cuning of the American Red Cross look on as AHS student Serena Alvarado gives "the gift of life." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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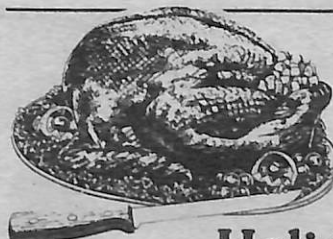
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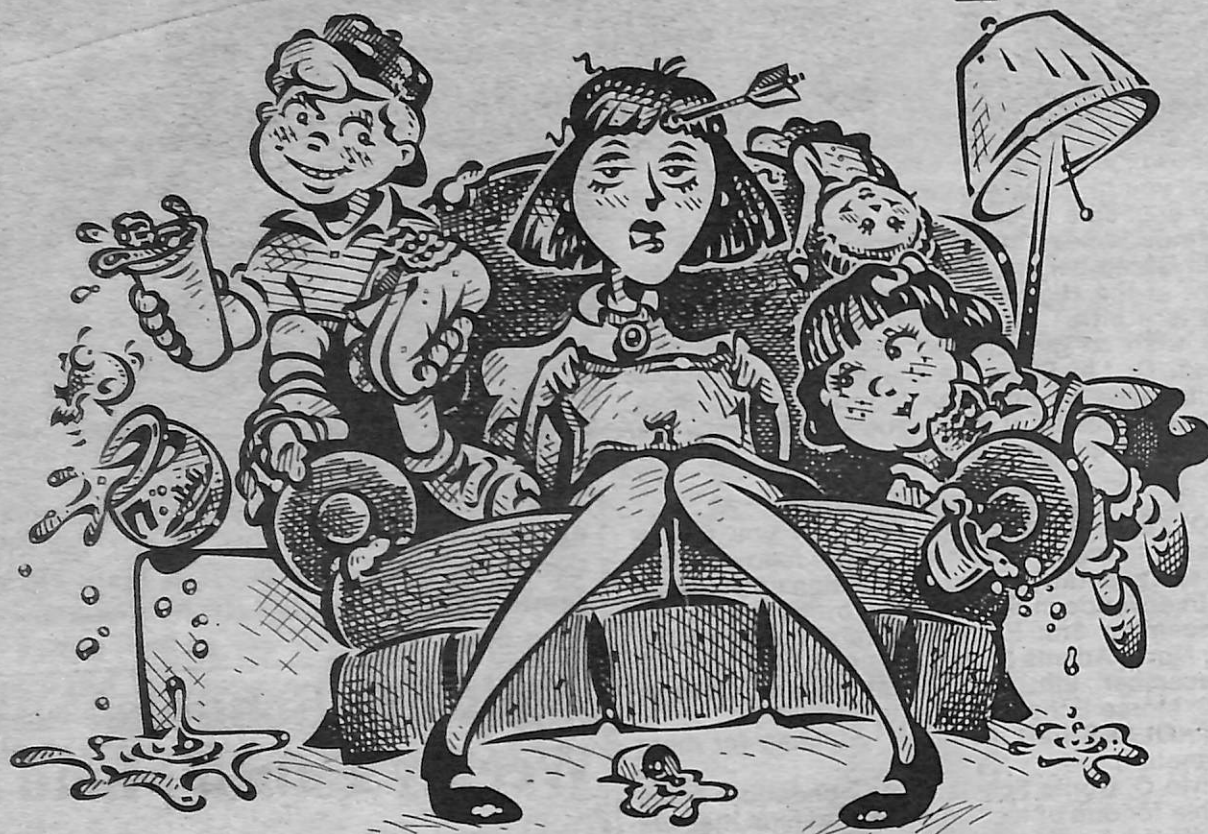
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## AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Guidance Coordinator  
AHS Guidance Dept.

### "Apply!97" Has Arrived...

"Apply!97," an innovative, time-saving college admissions tool in the form of a CD-ROM, has arrived at Agawam High School and — believe it or not — it's FREE!!! So, when I found that out, I immediately ordered enough for all of our seniors.

The CD allows students to use personal computers to complete applications to more than 500 colleges and universities. Apply!97 applications are exact duplicates of the colleges' own forms and are reproduced cover to cover.

Apply!97 is also a complete admissions system. In addition to the convenience of 500 applications in one place, it generates a list of colleges by matching the student's personal criteria and preferences with a database of 1,200 colleges. Additionally, students may view colleges on the Internet (Netscape is also included free on the disk) and search more than 180,000 scholarships.

Students have been eagerly picking up their free disk in the Guidance Office, and the feedback I've been receiving is very positive! The disk almost makes the application process fun, and that's saying a lot.

The one glitch is that Apply!97 is a single-user product, so each student must use his/her own CD on his/her own machine. For those students who do not have their own computers, we do have one available for them to use after school. Believe me, the program is worthwhile and the multimedia is outstanding!

While we're on the subject of applications, encourage your seniors to get busy. They must send their applications into the colleges on time. Also, they should give counselors and teachers ample time to write recommendations. Haste makes waste!

The application is one of the major ways in which a college judges a youngster. If the student fills out the application in a messy fashion, the college gets the message that the applicant does not really care about the school. If you or your child has any questions about the application process, please call Mrs. Williams at 786-1400, ext. 444; she will be delighted to address your concerns.

Adjacent to the Guidance Office, there is a wonderful new space, the Career Center. Here can be found state-of-the-art equipment to help every youngster with the decision-making process. What is a profession that best suits the student? What kind of schooling is needed? What kind of salary can be earned?

Mrs. Grady, the Director of the Center, is available to help each student. Those college-bound, those vocational school-bound, those Service-bound, and those job-bound, have all entered the Career Center's portals and left very satisfied. We invite you all to come visit us and the Career Center. I know you will be excited.

Mr. Dacey, the counselor who wears two hats — Middle School and High School — has asked me to share the following. The fifth grade students have been watching a video on study skills and discussing the video with Mr. Dacey. Each student has been completing a written

review of the video which they can keep and take home.

This phase of the study skills program involves such topics as listening skills, taking good notes, making good outlines, copying down assignments, proper methods of studying at home, and effective use of textbooks. As you know, all of these are essential for scholastic success.

If you have a fifth grader, please recount what he/she has learned. This will show how much you are interested in his/her everyday learning experiences and will help reinforce the knowledge.

By the way, last Thursday was Parent-Teacher Night at the High School. I was thrilled to see a full parking lot and halls brimming with interested parents. Positive discussion flowed, information was gleaned that might otherwise have gone unknown, and progress was duly noted. A hearty thank you to all parents who took time from their busy schedule to see us. We appreciate it! Let's continue to keep the communication flowing!

On December 9th, there will be a Financial Aid Night at the High School from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a MUST for all those parents of seniors who wish to further their education after high school. Dr. Lee Sirois is a financial aid expert who is employed by American International College. He has a wealth of information that I know you will find invaluable.

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#### GUIDANCE BULLETIN

**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES:** If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

**December 3rd:** Plymouth State College (NH), 8:30; North Adams State College, 9:30.

**December 9th:** Framingham State College, 10:00; Morse School of Business, 9:00.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** See Mrs. Williams for more information.

**Silvio O. Conte Scholarship Foundation:** To be eligible for one of the three scholarships that will be offered by this foundation, a student must reside within the congressional district in which Mr. Conte served. Deadline: February 1, 1997.

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**Service Merchandise Scholarship Program:** The scholarship was created to reward individuals who have achieved academic excellence while also being involved in school and community activities. Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to enroll in an accredited four-year college leading to a Bachelor's degree. Preference will be given to applicants planning to major in Business, Marketing, Merchandising, Economics or Accounting. Applications are available from Service Merchandise stores. Deadline: January 15, 1997.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to students who plan to enroll there:

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## King Ward Donation



KING WARD COACH LINES recently donated a bus to the town's Early Childhood Center for a field trip to Fini's Plant Farm on James Street in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 2nd:** Pepperoni-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday, December 3rd:** Diced chicken with gravy and whipped potatoes, seasoned diced carrots, dinner roll, white cake with chocolate icing, milk.

**Wednesday, December 4th:** Rotini with meatsauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

**Thursday, December 5th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey and mayonnaise, seasoned diced carrots, steamed rice, wheat bread & butter, applesauce or raspberry jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, December 6th:** Baked macaroni with cheese sauce, seasoned niblet corn, bread & butter, apple crisp, milk.

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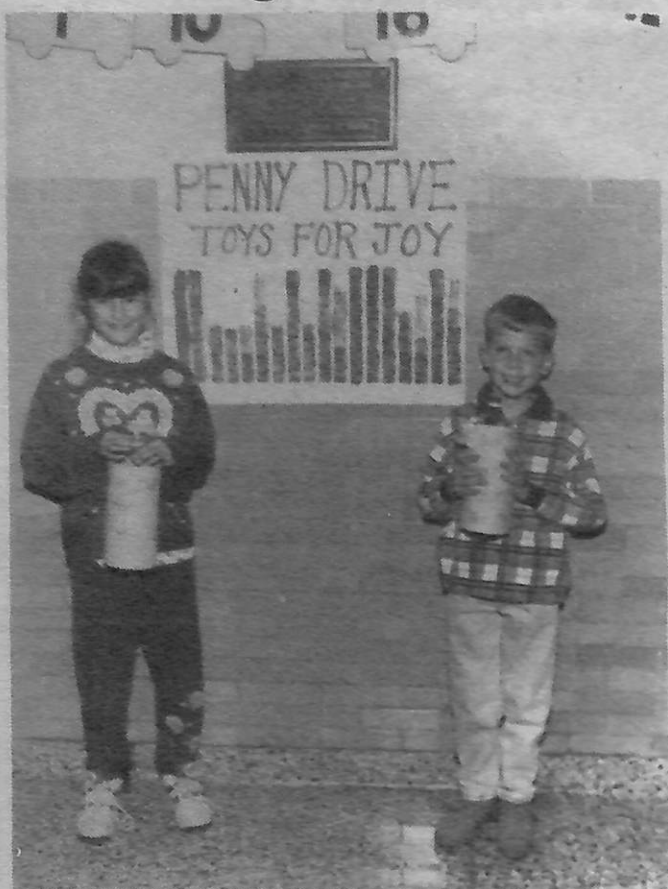
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## Giving At Phelps



THE FIRST WEEK OF "Giving" at Phelps School was a big success. Ryan Sullivan and Stephanie Midura are all smiles giving their pennies to "Toys For Joy." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Westfield Vo-Tech Is Taking Applications For Adult Health Prog.

The Westfield Vocational Technical High School Adult Allied Health Program is accepting applications for the certification course for nursing assistants and home health aides which will begin in January 1997.

Participants must be residents of Hampden County, age 22 and older, JTPA income eligible, and must be able to provide patient care. Classes are held Monday through Friday mornings for 15 weeks.

Funding for the course is received from the Hampden County Employment and Training Consortium through the Regional Employment Board.

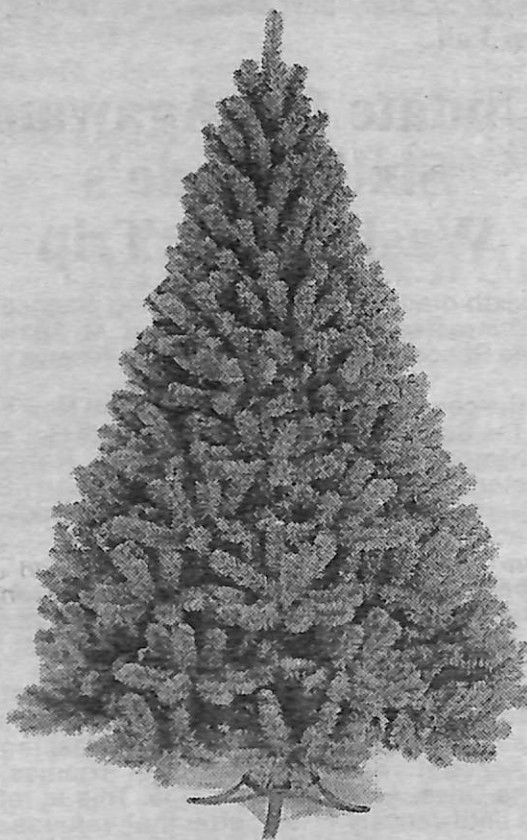
Further information can be obtained from Sheila Harrington, Program Manager, at 572-6454.

## Cub Scout Pack 75 Bike Safety Meeting



CUB SCOUT PACK 75 Bear Scouts recently held a Bike Safety meeting. In the meeting, the scouts learned the basics of bike repair and bike safety. They then enjoyed a series of bike races. From left - Adam Gay, Curt Barker, Shawn Santos, Michael Theriault, Dan Silva, Peter Wiernasz, Josh Matt, Steven Gay, Andrew Johnson, and Greg Gay.

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In addition, everyone who registers will be eligible for the *drawing of a 27" Zenith Television* as our grand prize. So, be sure to stop in at our Agawam Office between November 22nd and November 29th to help us celebrate. Thank you for helping us reach this milestone.

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## Four Teachers Receive Mini Grants From Agawam Chamber

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At the November 12th School Committee meeting, four mini-grants of \$250 were awarded to creative teachers by Agawam Partners in Education Secretary Ann Favreau and the Business Education Chairwoman of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, Rita Ducharme.

"Once again, teachers in Agawam Public Schools have exhibited their creativity in designing activities that will provide unique learning activities for their students integrating technology and involving the resources of the community," Mrs. Favreau said. "We applaud these teachers for their exceptional efforts."

Rita Ducharme agreed. "We think it's great for the teachers to have this extra money to do the things that aren't in the budget. The Chamber is interested in helping the schools any way we can."

Third-time winner **John Burns**, Junior High tech education teacher, will work with students building geodesic (made of triangles) plastic structures that will serve as environments for fish, plants, and humans. The emphasis will be on geodesic domes, hydroponic gardening, and photovoltaic and passive solar energy designs.

The students will conduct research and will be encouraged to tap into community groups like the Agawam Garden Club as resources. Their finished products will be displayed at the Agawam Junior Women's Craft Fair in June.

"If nothing else, we'll build some dog houses," Burns joked.

In addition to working on individual projects, the students will collaborate on making a full-sized model standing seven feet tall.

### "Middle School Magic"

Students of second-time winner, Middle School teacher **Janice DeFilipi**, will work cooperatively to produce "Middle School Magic," a video chronicle of their experiences at the school. Before their videocam starts rolling, the students will tour Channel 40 to see how television stations operate, and they will have a chance to pick up some pointers from the professionals, when a newscaster from Channel 22 visits their classroom.

For a professional touch, the students' video will have an intro and a conclusion created by Penfield Productions, Ltd.

The video will be presented to the School Committee in June and will be seen by parents at the Spring Parents Night and at the Back To School Night next fall. The cable access channel will be asked to air the documentary for the entire community.

Health teacher **Catherine Gomes** will be working with students at all four elementary schools in developing a School Health Newspaper. In addition to current health topics, the paper will focus on school and community happenings in health. The paper will be published three times a year, and community health professionals will be asked for their support.

Music Curriculum Coordinator **Tamara Watson** won a grant for her Jazz Dance Project. Working with a jazz dance instructor from UMass, choreography students will plan public performances and videotaped segments to be shown at a Chamber of Commerce meeting and at other community groups. The University dancers will offer a motivating assembly for AHS students and for the public.

## Math Whiz Kids At Agawam High



**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE** recently hosted its 9th Annual Invitational Mathematics Meet with 83 high schools competing from a four-state area for more than \$100,000 in WPI scholarship awards. AHS competitors included, from left - Heather Cassidy, Christopher Bednarzyk, faculty advisor Lorraine F. Alves, Michael Freeman, and Paul Lali.

## Update On Agawam Sixth Grade's Washington Trip

A sixth grade trip is currently being planned for any interested sixth grade student at Agawam Middle School. This is the last call to reserve your spot.

In the course of five days, we will visit New York City, the Statue of Liberty, tour the White House in Washington, DC, see Arlington National Cemetery, visit the FBI, Philadelphia Liberty Bell, and much more. A full itinerary schedule is available.

*This trip is NOT being sponsored by the school, nor is it being considered the sixth grade school trip; it is being run by a professional tour agency. The tour will have at least one parent per five students.*

We will leave Sunday, April 20th, and return Thursday, April 24th. A deposit of \$50 is now necessary; make your checks out to "Washington Trip Account" and send to Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Drive, Agawam 01001-2735. This is refundable until January 1, 1997; after that, refunds can only be made if another child replaces yours. All deposits to reserve your spot must be in by November 30th.

Your help is needed. An account has been set up at the Feeding Hills bottle redemption center on Springfield Street. If you would like to donate your bottles (no beer bottles, please) in our name ("Agawam Sixth Grade Trip"), they will be credited to us.

An account has also been set up at Westfield Savings Bank. As stated earlier, any checks written can be made out to "Washington Trip Account" and sent to Rachel Thomas' aforementioned address. Your help is greatly appreciated, and watch for our kids selling candy in town.

Please support us. This is a wonderful opportunity for our sixth grades and an educational experience as well.

## Information Meeting Scheduled For New Math Curriculum

The Agawam School Committee recently voted to accept the new K-8 Mathematics Curriculum.

A team of 15 teachers labored to prepare a document which will enhance and enrich the way mathematics is already being taught throughout the district. This document also encompasses the standards set by The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

In order to familiarize parents with the new curriculum and its implementation, the Math Team has arranged an information night. This meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, December 3, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

On hand to answer questions will be Mrs. Phyllis Lewis, Assigned Administrator to the Mathematics Curriculum; Mrs. Lorraine Alves, Mathematics Academic Coordinator; Mrs. Nancy Farrell, Liaison Teacher; Mrs. Barbara Cecchi, Elementary Mathematics Curriculum Specialist; and other members of the Mathematics Curriculum Team.

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## Top Fundraisers At Granger



**THIS YEAR'S TOP SELLERS** for the Annual Granger School Fundraiser received gift certificates from Toys 'R' US. From left - Joseph King, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Lindsay Pafumi, Anthony Lee, and Stephen Parent. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Spfld. Day Nursery To Hold Get-Together On Thanksgiving Eve

On Wednesday, November 27th, at 12:00 noon, the staff, children, and families of the Springfield Day Nursery's Mittineague Center, 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield, will celebrate their annual Thanksgiving get-together. More than 250 people are expected to attend the luncheon to be held in the gym of the Mittineague Church.

The menu will include roasted turkey with all the traditional trimmings. Planning and preparation is done by the Center's cook, Kathleen Stephenson, who manages to successfully pull off this event each year.

The 95 children who attend the Center will entertain their families and guests by performing "Five Little Turkeys," "I'm a Turkey, Turkey, Turkey," and "The Pumpkin Pie Song" in celebration of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

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## Middle School Participating In Local Bank's Investment Program

Agawam Middle School is participating in BankBoston's Investment In Education program this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate bank-issued "School Investment Points."

During the last two school years, BankBoston awarded more than 20,000 teaching tools to schools across New England. The dollar amount of those awards totals more than \$2.5 million.

According to Bank/Boston Spokesman Bruce Spitzer, "The recent merger of Bank of Boston Corp. and BayBanks, Inc., means that we now have a network of 450 participating branches. This will afford more schools and community members the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile program."

Community members who want to help Agawam Middle School's efforts have two ways to earn points. In addition to the many routine banking transactions that qualify for points, completing a Bonus Certificate at any branch is worth

75 school investment points with no cost or obligation.

"Our goal is to save enough points to receive an award through Investment In Education," said Theresa Shea, chairperson of the project at the Middle School. "With the support of parents and community members, we're hoping to meet and possibly exceed our goal of 15,000 points."

Many items utilized by schools are offered through Investment In Education. "The list of awards is outstanding. Items we really need like computers, audio/visual equipment, calculators, and sporting goods are available," added Mrs. Shea.

BankBoston School Investment Points will be issued between November 6, 1996 and May 16, 1997.

For more information about Investment In Education, or to donate School Investment Points to Agawam Middle School, please contact Theresa Shea at 786-0651.

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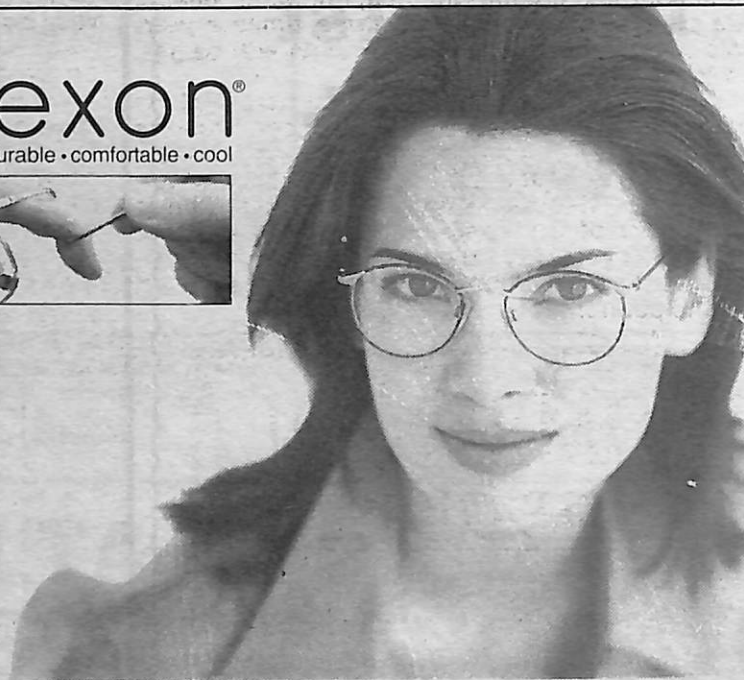
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## St. Mary's High School Has Placement Test On Sat., Dec. 7th

St. Mary's High School in Westfield will be offering a placement test for eighth grade students who are considering enrolling in September of next year.

The test will be held at school, located on 27 Bartlett Street on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30 a.m., and will conclude at noon. Snow date is Saturday, December 14th.

According to principal Mrs. Connie Lane, these test scores are considered, along with the student's eighth grade academic performance, in determining each student's freshman schedule.

Registration for the test is required, and a \$15 fee will be charged. Parents of prospective students are encouraged to call the school at 568-5692 for further information or to register.

## Granger PTO Slates Community Caroling On Fri., Dec. 6th

The Granger School P.T.O. will be sponsoring a community caroling party on Friday, December 6th (rain date: December 13th).

Everyone will be meeting on the green in front of Granger School. At 6:00 p.m., we will proceed to the elderly complex on North Westfield Street. We will carol door-to-door at the complex; delivering cards made in the children's classes.

We will then walk back to Granger for the lighting of the tree on the school green and a social hour. Please dress warmly, bring flashlights, and loud singing voices.

## St. Mary's High Has Agawam Students On Fall Honor Roll

St. Mary's High School is pleased to announce the names of those students who made Honors for our first marking period from the Agawam and Feeding Hills area. They are:

### SENIORS

First Honors: Justin Malek.

### JUNIORS

Second Honors: Heidi Rydell, Erik Ranstrom, Kathryne Smith

### FRESHMEN

First Honors: Ashley Thomas

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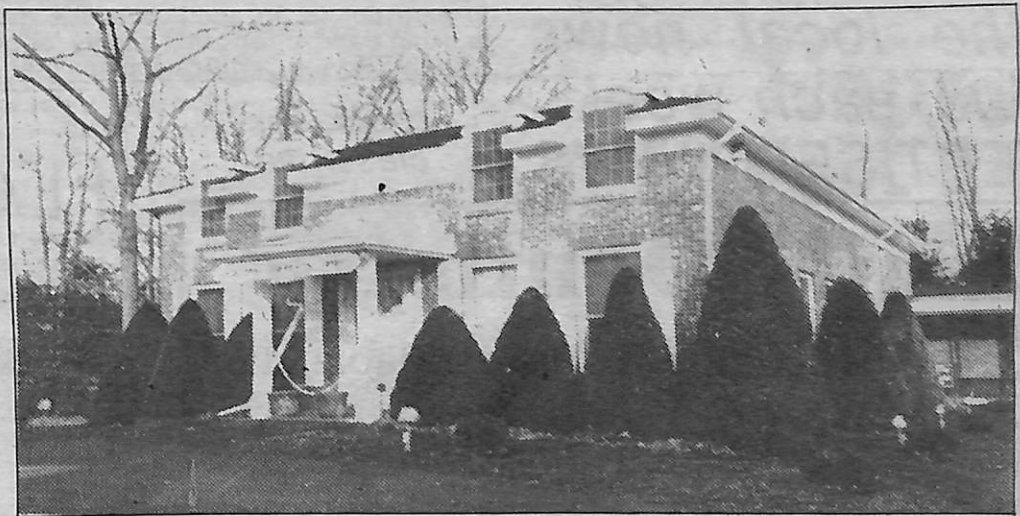
FIRST GRADERS IN THE CLASS OF PATTI LAPINSKI recently carved pumpkins for Halloween.

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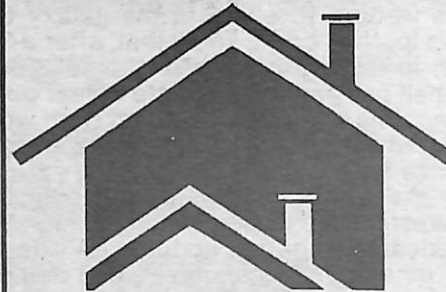
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# Sports



COACHES AND TEAM MEMBERS of the Agawam High School 1966 football team. This is the 30th anniversary of the school's last outright claim to the AA Conference title and Western Mass. championship.

## From '64-'66 AHS Football Streaked 26

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

*"We tested the kids every day. We put the ball in the circle and said, there it is. If you want it bad enough you'll go and get it. Football was a way of life. Hard work meant good things would come back to you."*

former Agawam High football  
Coach Harry Leonardi

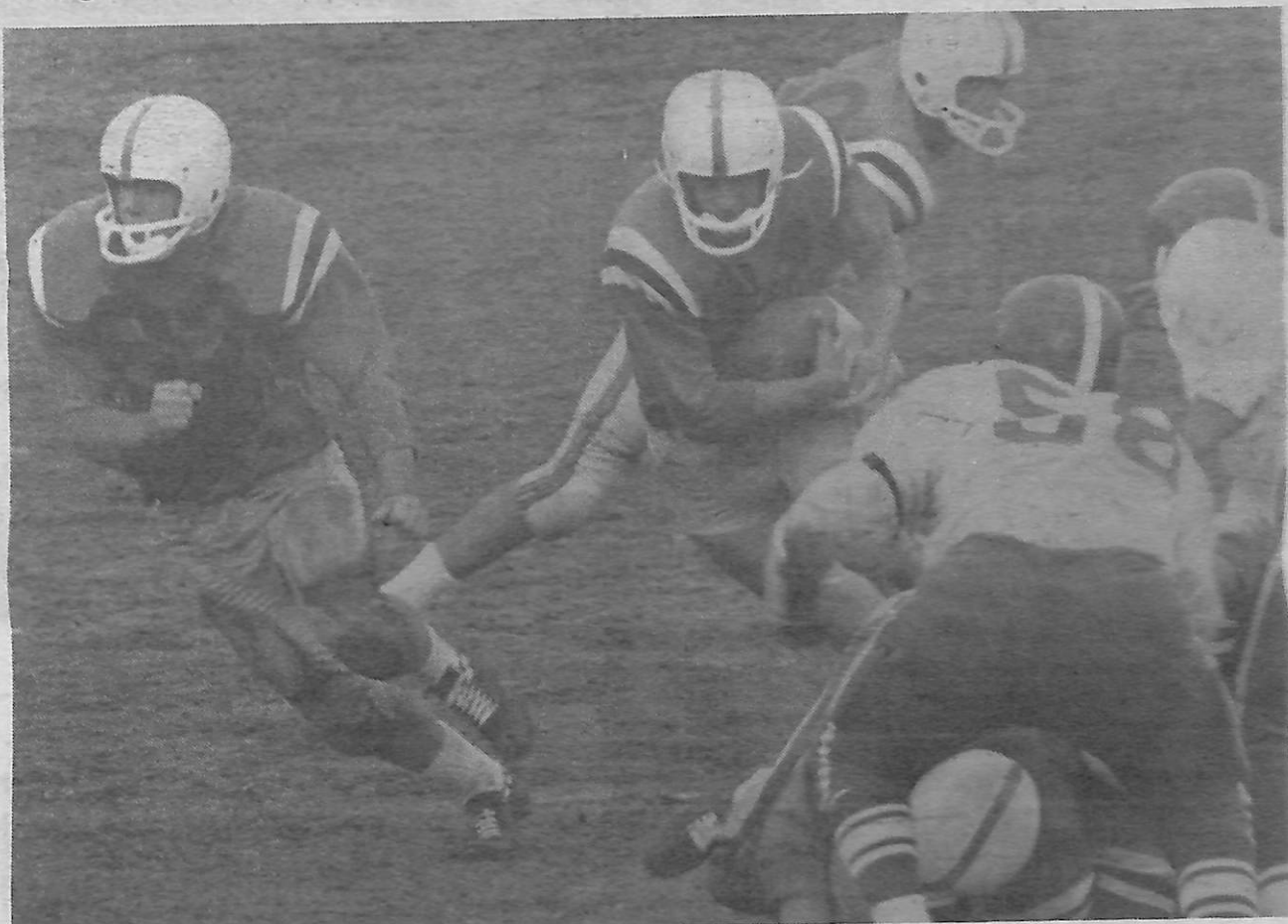
Not even legendary Agawam High football Coach Harry Leonardi could have known what awaited he and his Brownies in the late summer of 1964. They were coming off a 4-3 1963 season, which had seen them win three straight over AA Conference clubs Westfield, Greenfield, and arch-rival West Side to end it.

He didn't have an opportunity to preview his 1964 team because spring practice had been banned, as it is to this day, for high school teams around the state. Because of that, he'd never gotten a chance to scout out his AA Conference foes, all he could say was the club would be solid. But it was all a question of how soon they would solidify.

Neither he or his team of present and future stars waiting to shine in the galaxy of Western Mass football could know that, after a 32-6 loss to Tech in the third game of the 1963 season, the football program would taste defeat only once for a long time after that. Agawam High would run up a 26-game unbeaten string in the tough AA Conference for the next three years.

In the process, they would produce a host of All-Western Mass performers, a high school All-American, and gather up three AA titles. In the era of Vietnam, protests, unrest, and doubt, the football Brownies were a constant for this community to rally around — hard-working, dedicated, disciplined, and supported by a town proud of them and their efforts.

In 1964, future baseball Hall of Famer Mickey



THE FAMOUS NO. 37 play of the Agawam High football team in a 26-14 victory over Holyoke on November 5th, 1966. It brought the streak to 25. Pictured are ball carrier Bob DeFilipi (34), guard Mike Wilson (62), and quarterback Bill Eggleston (29).

Mantle was a World Series hero and about to be inducted into the Oakie Hall of Fame. The Summer Olympics were going on in Tokyo.

It was also the time of Brownie stars such as legendary linemen **Ronnie Young** and **Paul Gazillo**, quarterback **Bill Turgeon**, and running backs **Bill Polopek** and **Ron Penna**.

Agawam's first game in the fall of 1964 was against Cathedral. The Brownies won it 32-6, thus avenging a heartbreaking 8-6 loss the previous season to the Purple Panthers. Agawam would do a lot of avenging over the next 36 months. They were also tested more than once.

Perhaps the biggest one came on the seventh

of November, after they'd won three straight games. They were at McKenzie Field, playing the always-tough Holyoke Purple Knights. With less than two minutes to go in the game, the Brownies were down 22-16. Then, they started a desperation drive towards the Holyoke endzone, 70 yards away. It was gut check, white knuckle, and a double dose of valium time all rolled into one.

With 24 seconds left in the game, Ron Penna took the ball in on a one-yard plunge. Quarterback Bill Turgeon got the insurance they needed on a rollout for the two-point conversion.

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**AHS RULED - from Page 36...****Leonardi Remembers...**

Leonardi remembers the whole thing well. He also remembers a funny story that came out of the drive. "The place was going nuts. Everyone was up, moving around. The field and sidelines were wet and slick. People were all crowded up on the sidelines, five and six deep. Mrs. Penna and Mrs. Turgeon (the two players' moms) were weaving and ducking through that crowd, following the progress of their sons as well as the team."

Leonardi paused and chuckled. "Down on about the two-yard line, one of them (moms) slipped and fell. I'm not sure which one. But she yelled out to the other one to help her up quickly. The other one, afraid to miss any of the action, yelled back, 'I can't. There's no time!' It's a true story," Leonardi smiled.

After that great comeback, Agawam went on to beat West Side, 34-8. That game is usually the traditional season-ender for the Brownies. But they still had a game left — a rainout date on November 21st against Westfield. They bombed the Bombers, 48-18. Their record was 7-1, good enough for the AA crown. That lone, 16-14 loss came in their second game to independent upstart, Comp. They whipped all the AA competition, upon which the streak is based.

*"I think what made us good was the fact that we were cohesive. And Harry was a hard taskmaster. All of us were in tremendous shape."*

**All-Western Mass tackle, Paul Gazillo, '62, '63, '64**

The year 1965 saw the Dodgers beat the Twins in the World Series, the Red Sox draw only 461 fans at Fenway for a game against the Angels, and the opening of Alumni Stadium at UMass. It also saw some changes in the football Brownies.

Team leader and quarterback Bill Turgeon had graduated. But talented **Sam Provo**, a great AHS basketball player, seemed capable of taking over the job. All-Western Mass performer Bill Polopek, who scored 72 points the previous season, returned at running back. He would have help from junior **Tom DeFilipi** and sophomore **Al Mercadante**. They also had a talented trio of big linemen returning to the fold: All-Western Mass tackle **Ron Young** (260), **Dennis McGrevy** (6'5", 240), and **John Connelly** (225). In short, the Brownies were big, tough, loaded for bear, and riding a six-game win streak plus a string of 10 straight AA contests.

*"We used to go up to UMass and scrimmage against their freshman team. Ronnie Young would go up against Milt Morin, who became a pretty good tight end in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns. Ronnie, who was a freshman when the two met, had no trouble handling Milt. Ronnie became a high school All-American."*

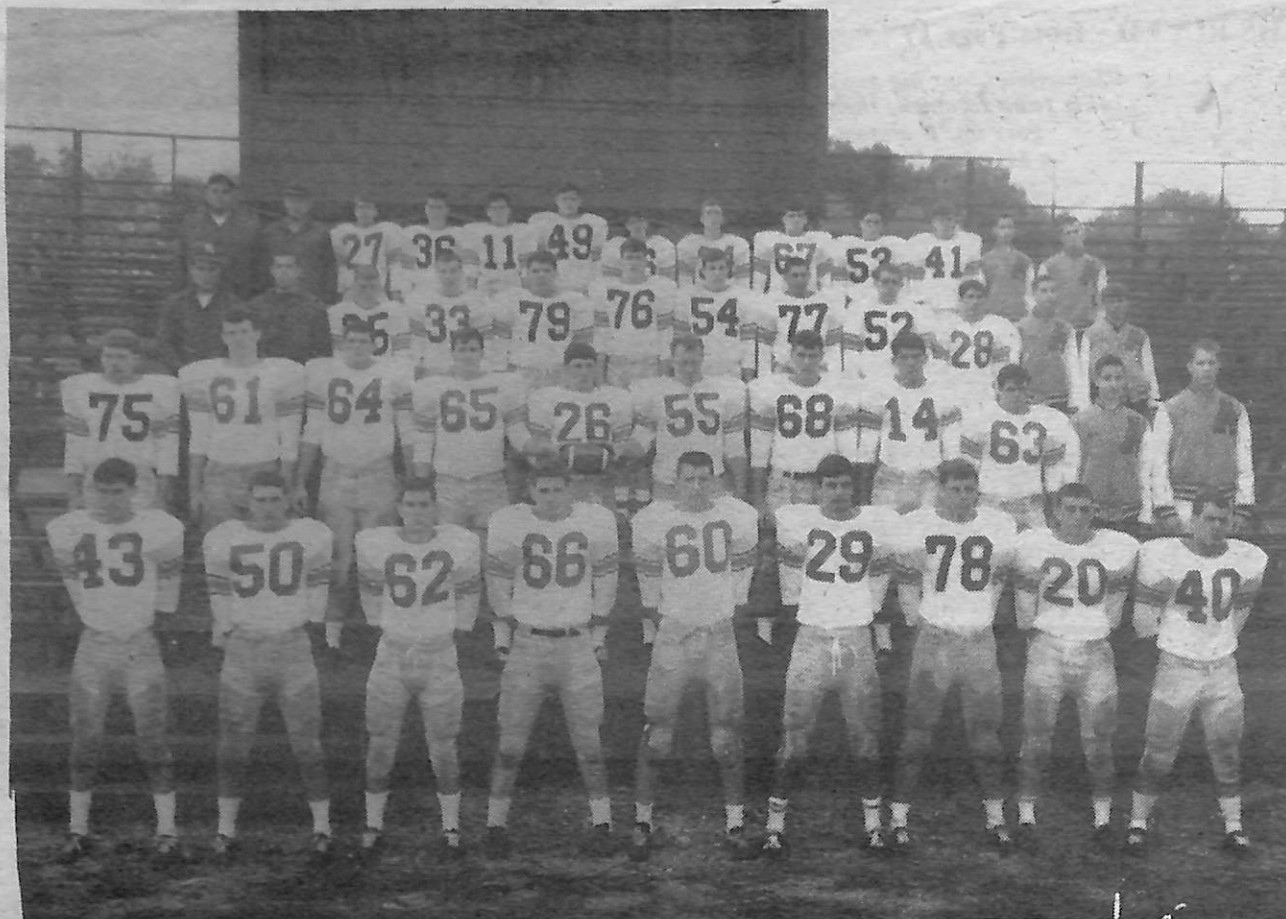
**Cliff Kibbe, former AHS Athletic**

**Director and assistant coach under Leonardi**

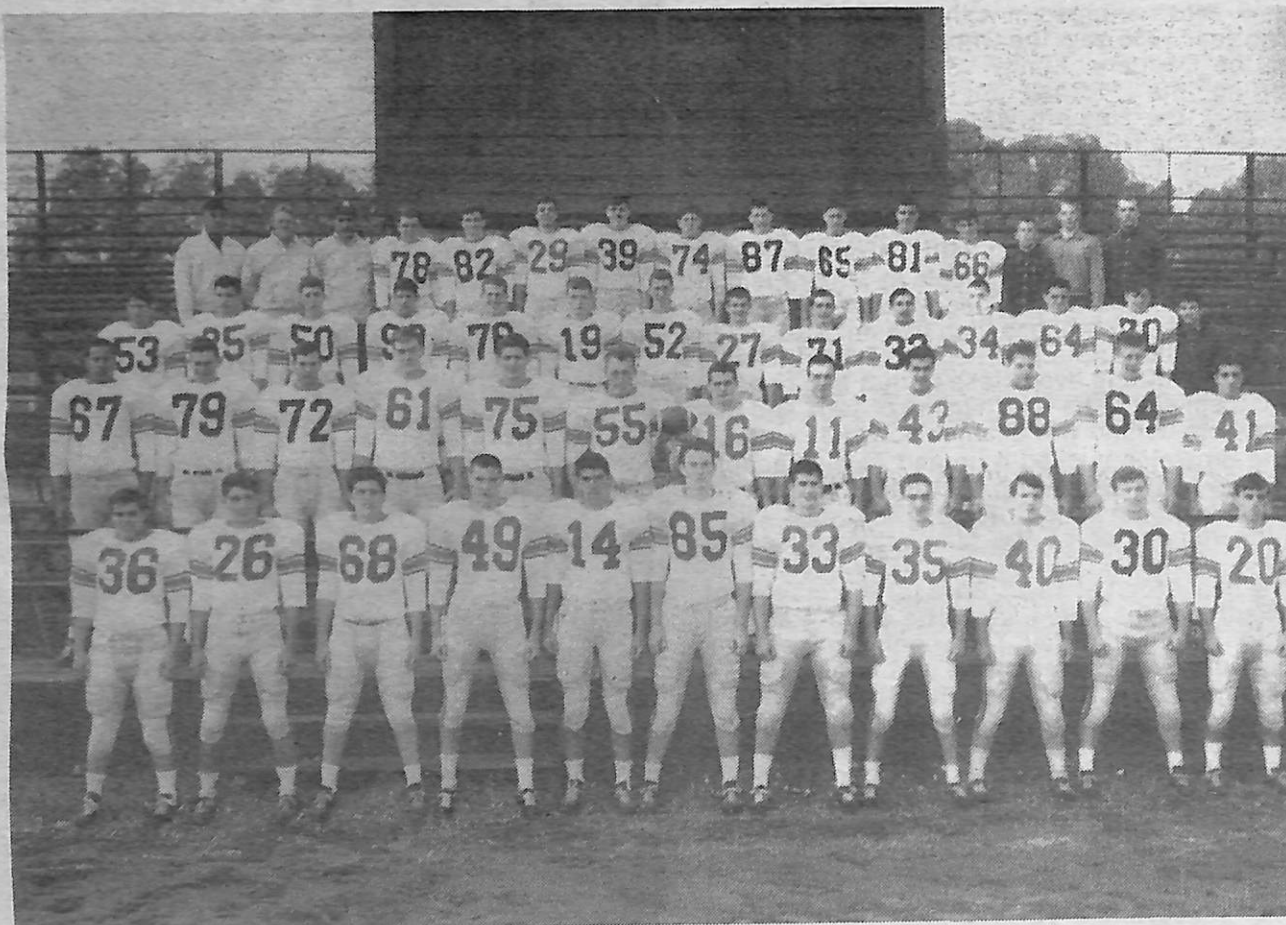
Their first game wasn't against a bear, however, but the Cathedral Panthers, of the purple variety. The Brownies turned them blue with a 32-0 flogging. Their next game saw them avenge their lone loss of 1964 by embarrassing Comp, 26-8.

To get an idea of just how overpowering Agawam was becoming, all one had to do was witness their next game against Springfield Tech. They won 35-0. They were up 33-0 at the half. Leonardi, as he did more than once during the streak, played his reserves in the third and fourth quarters.

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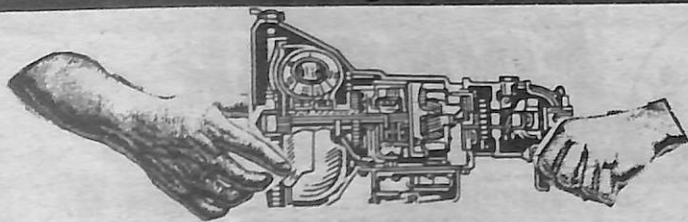
**MEMBERS OF THE AHS 1965 TEAM** captained by Bill Polopek (26), Ron Young (55), and John Connelly (65).



**MEMBERS OF THE 1964 TEAM** captained by Ron Young (55) and Ron Penna (16).

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*"Sometimes, our big guys beat-up the other team so much, their varsity just gave up. It almost became like a JV game in the second half."*

**Bob DeFilipi, defensive back, '65, '66, '67**

October 16th of that year was supposed to be, according to the prognosticators, a possible loss for the then 3-0 Brownies. They traveled to Westfield to meet what the scribes back then called the "stubborn" Bombers, who also sported a 3-0 slate. Agawam walked away with a 24-6 victory.

Their dominance continued three weeks later. Their record was now 6-0 when Holyoke visited Harmon Smith Field. The Knights were another powerful AA team that year. Again, the Brownies were supposed to have a tough time. They buried the visitors 30-0 and captured their second straight AA title.

*"I don't think this team thought they were anything special. They just worked hard at the game of football. And they were a good bunch of kids."*

**Vito DePalo, team manager**

A week later, historical rival West Springfield came to town. The Terriers were pumped up and, as always, people were thinking upset. (By now, a lot of people wanted to see the champions go down.) After the Brownies scored three touchdowns within three minutes in the first half and led 26-0 at the intermission, all knew it was over. AHS went on to win, 32-8.

Agawam finished 8-0-0. Their consecutive game win streak stood at 14. Their AA win streak was now 18. Polopek scored 86 points. Mercadante had 48. Provo chipped in with 40.

The year 1966 saw the Orioles win the pennant over the Dodgers. Kenny "Snake" Stabler was throwing the football for the University of Alabama. Joe Namath was making a name for himself in the NFL. And the Brownies of Agawam were ready for another season of scintillating high school football.

**A Slight Problem...**

However, on September 24th, before what was estimated at about 4,000 people at Miller Field at American International College, they ran into a slight problem. With less than five minutes left in the game, the Purple Panthers of Cathedral were up, 18-12. Nothing even close to that had happened to them since the fourth game of 1964 and that come-from-behind win against Holyoke.

The Brownies sucked it up and Al Mercadante was able to run it in with 3:38 left. But the two-point conversion failed. Despite a furious effort for the remainder of the game, they failed to score.

The final stood at 18-all. Save for the braying of the Panther fans, there was little other sound at Harmon Smith that day. The winning streak was gone. But the unbeaten string was intact.

Springfield Tech gave them a tough time in their third game of the season, leading 8-2 at the half. Two second-half TD's gave the Brownies a hard-fought, 14-8 win against the Tigers.

*"We didn't pass much. We kept our attack on the ground. Coach Leonardi used to call us lean, mean, and green. I guess because we came after the great '65 team."*

**Don Gravel, wide receiver, '64, '65, '66**

After a win over Westfield, Agawam (now 3-0-1) was once again up against a host of powerful AA foes. Chicopee was first up and sporting a perfect 3-0 record. The Brownies gave them a bagel of a different sort, in the form of a 26-0 stomping.

The next week Greenfield came calling. The Green Wave, at 5-0, shared the AA lead with Agawam. The Wave simply petered out on the

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**Recognize These Faces From The Past???**

**MEMBERS OF THE AHS 1966 TEAM** who were instrumental in keeping the 26-game win streak intact - Back row, from left - Larry Fay, Dave Strole, Don Gravel, John Higgins, and Mike DeForge. Front row - Bill Menard, Mike Wilson, and Vic Moreno.



**MANY IN THIS SAME GROUP** actually cracked what appeared to be a smile before the big game with undefeated Chicopee. From left - end Vic Moreno, tackle Mike DeForge, guard Bill Menard, center Lew Chicklas, guard Mike Wilson, tackle Larry Fay, and end Don Gravel.

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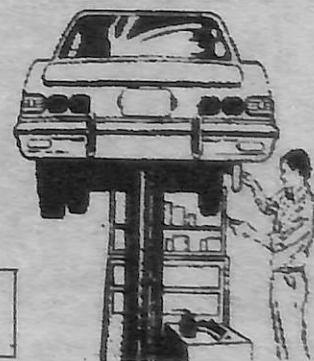
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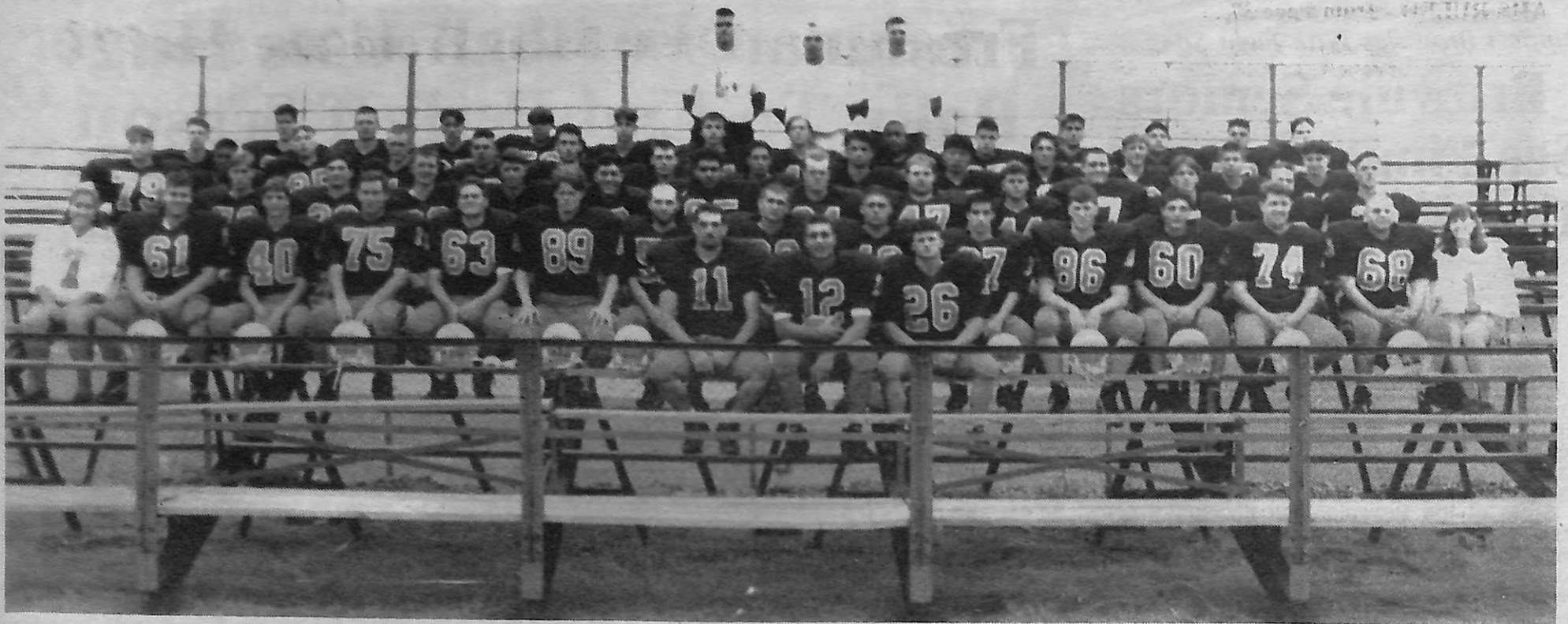
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MEMBERS OF THE 1996 Agawam High School football team are seeking to stop a two-game West Springfield High win streak on Thanksgiving Day at Garrett Clark Field. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS Seeks Revenge Vs. West Side

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Every team has another team that seems, year after year, to stick in their craw. They're like an itch that's impossible to scratch, or a scratch that never seems to heal up completely. They tend to drive you a little bonkers. In short, they are your big rival!

This Thanksgiving Day morning, Agawam High (4-5), and no doubt the best 4-5 team in Western Mass., will once again meet their rival, the Terriers of West Springfield High School. If you're a Terrier, all of the above can pertain to the way you feel about the Brownies.

This year, the game will be played at West Side, in the rickety confines of Garrett Clark Field. There will probably be between 3,500-4,000 fans on hand. Agawam will come in with their noses slightly out of joint. The Terriers have won the last two contests. There will be some paybacks to attend to.

But Brownie head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli knows payback time will not come without a fight. West Side is 5-5 and 4-3 in the tough Suburban League. They feature a great running back in 5'10", 180-pound senior Shawn Lymann, who has over 1,500 yards rushing this season. Lymann will get some help from junior tailback, 5'9", 165-pound Tony Keough. This guy, according to Vecchiarelli, has great speed.

"Lymann is a good runner," Coach Vecchiarelli

notes. "He gets all those yards because he's a workhorse. He must carry the ball 30-35 times a game."

"They run a wing offense," Vec continue. "They hardly throw the ball. So that's our key right there. We'll assign more guys to the run."

### Win Or Lose At The Line

The coach pointed out that the Terriers have big, mobile linemen, which is one of the reasons they keep it on the ground. "We win or lose this game at the line," he said.

West Springfield runs a 4-4 defense. "They blitz all the time. So our passes will have to be quick and short, mostly to guys going on quick slants over the middle. I don't think you'll be seeing too many bombs from us in this one," Vec noted.

The coach stressed that the Terriers, because they bring so many guys on defense, will probably stuff the Brownies a few times. "I've been telling everyone during practice for this game that West Side will probably get to them in the backfield now and then. If it does happen, they can't let it bother them."

Agawam will no doubt try to counter the blitz with draws and quick hitters.

### Some Weapons Of Their Own

Agawam will have some weapons of their own. Tailback Jeff Blews, who has over 700 yards (and 8 TD's), will supply power both up the middle and

around the ends. Of course, wide receiver Phil McGeoghan, who leads the AA Conference with 107 points and 17 TD's, will worry the Terrier defensive backfield all morning long. (The game is at 10:00 a.m.) There is no doubt West Side has been stressing tight 'D' on Phil during their practices because it has been bombs away for him and QB Eric Melbourne this season.

The weather could play a part in the game. Vec doesn't care if it's cold. "Rain, snow, or a lot of wind will hurt us more than them because we have a passing game. Teams who stick exclusively to the run have an edge in bad weather," he said.

Vec couldn't help but wonder what might have been this year. Currently the Brownies are 4-5, and 3-3 in the AA Conference. "Those two tough losses to Holyoke and Minnechaug still bother me, because we shouldn't have lost them," he sighed. The Brownies were snake-bit in an opening game loss to 10-0 Northampton, up there. AHS deserved to win that game.

A win over West Springfield will mean a .500 season for the Brownies. The Terriers will be battling to avoid a losing campaign. So there is incentive aplenty for both teams in this one. One more incentive can also be applied - the turkey always tastes better when you win on Thanksgiving Day.

### AHS RULED - from Page 38...

shores of Harmon Smith Field, 40-16. That win enabled Agawam to take over the AA lead.

"Tradition had a lot to do with the way we were and the way we played, who we were and what we represented."

Bill Menard, co-captain, '66 squad

Only two games now stood between the Brownies and a third AA crown. Holyoke was one of them. The Purple Knights fell on November 6th, 26-14.

And, it all came down to the traditional game with West Springfield on November 13th. It was played before 7,000 fans at West Side's Garrett Clark Field. Essentially, it was no contest: Agawam won, 24-0. The Brownies came away with their third straight AA Conference title. Their new win streak stood at seven. And they now had 26 straight wins in the conference.

"Coach Leonardi was superstitious. He believed if he found a coin on the field before a game, it meant good luck. We used to throw some here and there when he wasn't around. The ones he found, he'd give to the captains. They'd hide them

in the locker room. We had them made up into the number 26 laying on velvet in a glass-covered case, which we presented to him at the end of the season."

Don Gravel

Perhaps that token of respect for their coach was prophetic. A total of 4,000 fans showed up at Harmon Smith Field for the '67 opener against Cathedral. Who'll know for sure what happened? But it did happen. Agawam fell, 32-0.

The last team to beat the Brownies in a conference game had been Springfield Tech in the

third game of 1963. For some of the Agawam players, defeat had been something they'd never met.

"I couldn't believe we'd lost. I couldn't believe the streak was over. I was devastated. We all were. We could lose, after all."

Bob DeFilipi, defensive back, '65, '66, '67

Agawam went 2-5-1 that year. Cathedral would win the AA. Harry Leonardi retired from high school coaching after that season.

AHS has never won an outright AA Conference title since.

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## Brownie Seniors See Final Game As One For The Ages

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Unless you've lived in a cave for most of your life around here, you know that the traditional Thanksgiving Day football battle between Agawam High and West Springfield High is the zenith of athletic competition between the two towns. It gives those who are inclined to such things bragging rights for a whole year.

Some of the Brownie football seniors commented on what the game means to them. Tight end **Bryan Menard** told us, "It's the last and biggest game. It's against our crosstown rivals. It will be very emotional." Tackle **Jeff Biebel**: "It will be the last time I'll probably put on a football helmet." Fullback **Jim Antico**: "We've lost to them two years in a row. It's time to get back some respect." Wide receiver **John Eggleston**: "It's the tradition of the whole thing." Guard **Chris Olson** put it this way: "A win will keep the pride of Agawam alive." Wide receiver **Phil McGeoghan** has this take: "It means a lot to the town and all the alumni."

This year's game will be at West Side, which means the Brownies and the faithful will be right in the middle of enemy territory. It also means that the team will need all the help they can get. To that end, we offer something that might provide a kind of emotional edge from the stands to the kids on the field — the official Agawam High School fight song:

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No kidding. We're not sure exactly what tune it should be sung to, maybe "Football Hero"? We don't know what music should accompany it, maybe a kazoo played to a polka beat? But it's the effort that counts.

So, rip this out and take it to the game. Get together, sing it, and help the Brownies on to victory!

By the way, last week in the locker room after practice, the seniors had the underclassmen singing the song. Hopefully, the Brownies will carry the football better than they carry a tune.

## Freshman Football Uses Huge Rally To End Perfect Season

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The final two games of the season for the Agawam High School freshman football team defined why they finished up with a perfect 9-0 record. On the eighth of November, aware that perfection was just around the corner, they blew Cathedral out of the water, 28-8.

**Alex Almquist** took the opening kickoff back 62 yards for a score, then got the two-point conversion. He got the Brownies' second TD in the second quarter on a 23-yard run. **Mike Martin** took a pass for the two-point conversion. The half ended 16-0, Agawam.

The second half saw the Purple Panthers score on a kickoff return and a rush for the two points to make it 16-8, Brownies. Agawam answered quickly on a 37-yard TD pass from **Brian St. Jean** to **Jason Daigneau**. The rush failed and the Brownies led, 22-8. A bit later, St. Jean hit Daigneau for 43 yards and a score. They couldn't get two. But it didn't matter as the scoreboard read 28-8, Agawam. The fourth quarter was scoreless. Agawam had its eighth victory of the season. Big-time efforts were turned in by **Russ Smith** and **Gerry Graves** on defense. St. Jean led the offense. Almquist, **Shawn Biebel**, and **Vic Romano** showed well on the run.

The offensive line of **Matt Sharpe**, **Shawn Gloster**, **Kevin Rivers**, and **Kevin Grealis** blocked well all afternoon.

The final game of the season saw Comp come calling. It was gut check time for the young Brownies. They found out what they were all about in this one.

At first, the game went like a page from a playbook a coach might read in a nightmare. Comp scored on a 73-yard run and went up 6-0. Then star quarterback **Brian St. Jean**, under a furious Colt pass rush, went down with a knee injury, never to return.

Comp scored on a pass play. Suddenly, the young Brownies found themselves in a place they'd never been during the entire season — a hole, to the tune of 12-0.

**Mike Martin** came in at quarterback. The Brownies (with their unbeaten, untied season facing extinction) began a grim march downfield. **Eric Pederson** and **John Pleva** were rocks on the offensive line. **Shawn Gloster**, **Jason Pitoniak**, **Jon Archambault**, **Nick D'Angelo**, and **Matt Sharpe** were up to the job at hand.

**Joe Truschelli**, **Matt Poirier**, and **Scott Harlin** snared Martin's passes. Biebel and Grealis lugged the leather. The Brownies were suddenly camped on the Colt 30-yard line. On third and eight, Martin hit Harlin on a slant. Harlin put it in overdrive, busted a tackle, made guys miss, and scored Agawam first TD. The sweep right by Martin got the two and brought the Brownies within four, 12-8.

Comp scored again. A two-point conversion got them up 20-8. That's the way it stood at the half.

### Some Crucial Defensive Adjustments...

During the intermission, Assistant Coaches **Bill Haag** and **Dan Pryce** made some crucial defensive adjustments, switching from a 4-3 monster to a straight 4-4. It was a brilliant move. The Brownie "D," which had been walking on its heels, shut down the Colt offense for the duration of the second half. Credit **Romano**, **Almquist**, **Pederson**, **Dennis Liptak**, **Daigneau**, **Jeff Pickett**, and **Edwin Torres** with a job well done.

Now, it was time for the offense to do its job. There was no score in the third. But Martin, in for the injured St. Jean, stepped up. Late in the fourth quarter, Agawam was on the march again. Almquist and Romano were on the run. The Colts were wobbling and were off-balance. Martin went up top on a 23-yard TD pass to Daigneau, who recorded his 15th score of the season. He hit Almquist on a slant for the two. Make it 20-16, the visitors.

The Brownie "D" stopped two successive Colt drives. They gave it back to the offense, who took it 62 yards in the gathering darkness and capped things off with an eight-yard Almquist TD run for the first AHS lead of the day, 24-20.

Comp was twitching now, but not quite dead. They got the ball back with three minutes left. Again the Agawam defenders rose up and broke the Colts. Comp had had enough. The final said 24-20, Agawam. They had to fight for it at the end. But they ended up with their perfect season.

It was fitting that the defense, which recorded six shutouts and allowed only four points per game, sparkled in this one. It was also taken into account that the offense rolled over everyone to the tune of 278 points to complement the 34 given up by the "D."

Other members of the team who pitched in for the 9-0 gem included **Dave Moore**, **Russ Smith**, **Jerry Grave**, **Vincent Rossi**, **Mike Blevins**, and **Kevin Rivers**.

Coach **Kirk Parker** told the kids when it was over that he couldn't have been prouder of them. They had lost four starters to eligibility before the game and a starting quarterback/cornerback (St. Jean) to a blown knee during it. The coach stressed that their spirit never wavered.

When asked what makes a perfect season (his first in five years as freshman coach), Parker answered, "You have to have talent. You have to keep them focused. A little bit of luck doesn't hurt. Good assistants are a must. Support from the people who put their confidence in you is also part of it."

It's fitting, on this 30th anniversary of the famous 26-game streak for AHS varsity football in 1964, 1965, and 1966, that another AHS football team should go unbeaten.

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## Mark Anderson Shares "Rookie Of Year" At Riverside Speedway

Mark Anderson, No. 68, of Feeding Hills shares this year's "Rookie of the Year" honors with fellow Agawam racer Scott Ciak, No. 2.

Each year, Riverside Park Speedway and the Winston NASCAR Racing Program selects from each of its racing divisions an outstanding rookie. This year, both young men were honored in the highly competitive Strictly Stock Division.

Over 40 cars compete for 24 final positions available in each week's main event. Anderson and Ciak were both feature event winners in their rookie seasons.

Coming back after a major crash early in the season earned Anderson the additional "Hard Luck" award at Riverside's recent banquet.

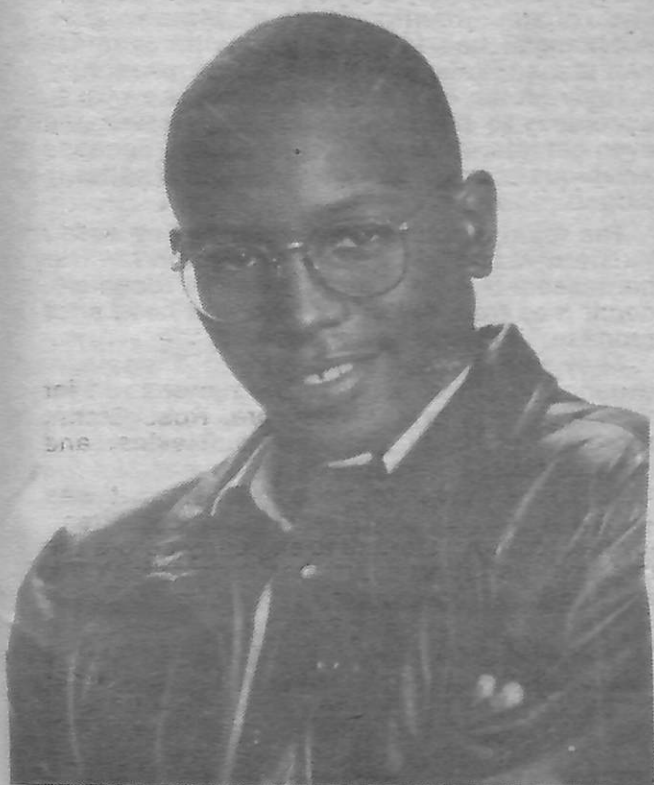
Anderson credits much of success to his "Never Quit" crew of Dave Curley, Grant Ford, and his dad. Mark shares these awards with his crew, whose countless hours of unselfish work made this year a great success.

Anderson's sponsors for the 1996 season were West Springfield Auto Parts, Action Fire Restoration, John's Trucking, Sounds of Music, Speedway Direct, Bay State Spray, Pennzoil, and Fram.

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MARK ANDERSON OF FEEDING HILLS shared this year's "Rookie of the Year" honors at Riverside Speedway.



JAMES HOLLINS

## James Hollins Is Part Of Football Team At Northfield Mt. Hermon

James Hollins, the son of Bobby L. Hollins of Feeding Hills, was on Northfield Mount Hermon's 1996 football team, which earned the title of co-champion of the year at the 1996 New England Prep Schools Class A Football Championship held on November 16th.

NMH earned the title after a scoreless tie with Cushing Academy, finishing the season with a 6-2-1 record. The New England Class A consists of the top large New England prep schools. This is the second championship title in the last two years for NMH, which took the 1994 title with a 27-20 win over Kent School.

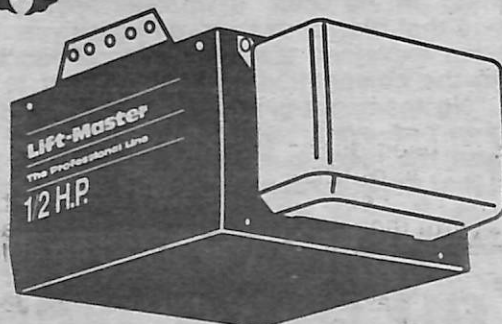
According to NMH football coach Scott Lebo, Hollins was a member of the "impressive" team defense. A senior at NMH, Hollins has also participated in the varsity/junior-varsity track-and-field team, and has studied Advanced Placement calculus AB and BC, physics, and chemistry.

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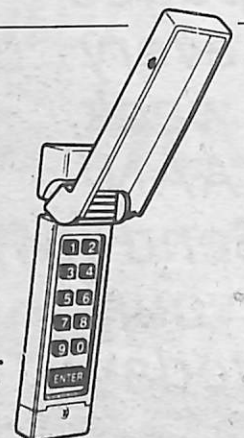
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## AHS Gymnastics Coach Distraught About Judge At WMass Tourney

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High ended a best ever gymnastics season, finishing second in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) meet held last Friday at Minnechaug Regional. The host Falcons took first with 128 points. The Brownies had 125. Seven teams participated in the competition.

Brownie Coach Angela Sullivan knew the meet would be a battle. Perennial champion Minnechaug was the slight favorite over her Brownies for the top spot. She didn't know, going in, that her team would also have to battle a judge. The locals handed the Falcons their first regular season loss in quite a spell earlier this fall.

"I'm filing a protest with the MIAA," she said. "I don't feel the scores we got on the beam were accurate." She'll discuss the protest issue with AHS Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney. Then she'll decide if the protest will be a formal letter from the High School or one from her to the MIAA.

Sullivan stated her reason for the action. "I feel a judge for the beam seriously affected our scores in that event." The judge (who she declined to name) is a former coach of the Minnechaug girls' swim team. Sullivan feels she saw a case where a judge was clearly biased in favor of the home team.

She does not want the woman to be allowed to judge any future events in which Minnechaug competes, or events where Minnechaug's standing might benefit by the outcome.

#### Best Performance Of The Year

"My girls were very upset. All of them were completely prepared. They were nailing everything on the beam. It was the best performance in that discipline they've had all year."

Sullivan explained that they were ahead by a point in the competition when they went to the beam. "No team can gain or lose the points we lost by in one event," she said. "We might not have won the meet, but the way the beam was judged just made no sense. Therefore, I informed

the meet director that I would be filing a protest." Sullivan noted that the director went over and talked to the woman about her judging.

Sullivan went on to say that the score posted at the end of the day wasn't a true depiction of the way the whole thing went. "Three points is a huge margin in gymnastics, especially between two teams like Agawam and Minnechaug, which are as evenly matched as any around."

The coach knows the protest will probably go no where. "It's the principle of the whole thing," she added. "I've done my share of judging. And I would hope that I would have enough integrity to score an event on pure merit and not because I'm a homer. That's not even close to being fair to the kids."

As for the season, she felt it went as expected. Their Pioneer Valley record ended up 9-0. They were 10-0 in their division, and 10-2 overall.

"We had a tremendous performance Friday night. Melanie DeMastrie and Lindsay Hadden stood out as usual. Lisa Marsh looked very good." The coach mentioned that Marsh, just a sophomore, has fallen in love with gymnastics and plans to take lessons in the off season.

Kelly Mullin had the best beam she ever had, according to the coach. Mullin, however, didn't even get into the top five in that event because of a dubious score of 8.29 that was much better than judged.

The team will be losing Mullin, along with All-Western Mass. all-arounder DeMastrie. "They'll be missed. But we have some good looking kids coming up from the junior high that have a lot of promise," Sullivan noted.

They will be strong on the bars again next season. They'll work on the beam over the winter. "We are great on the floor. We'll only get better there," the coach said. The vault will stay the same. "We are adequate in it this year. Not much will change next time around."

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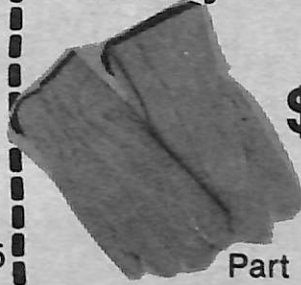
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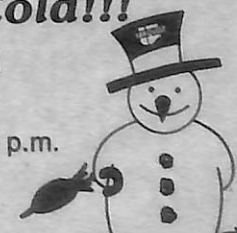
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# Huge Crowd At Riverside Speedway's Banquet

Riverside Park Speedway closed out its 1996 racing campaign with its awards banquets on Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th, at The Oaks in Agawam. The point fund exceeded \$65,000 (\$66,021.60 to be exact), making it one of the largest not only in the speedway's history, but also in all of NASCAR's Winston Racing Series short-track program!

Almost 1,500 competitors, officials, fans, and family members attended the two-day gala affair. Edward J. Carroll, Jr., owner and operator of Riverside Park Speedway, started the ceremonies by making some important announcements.

First of all, Carroll stated that he was "officially" retiring from his driving duties in the Pro Stock division (although he did admit that he was *not* going to hang up his helmet yet, just in case the Pro Stock field needed a little excitement next year). Secondly, he announced that the speedway is *reducing* the price of the racing season pass for the grandstand and reserve seat areas. Riverside Park Speedway's season passes will also be valid as season passes to Riverside Amusement Park.

Carroll said, "The competitors are the show at Riverside Park Speedway; without their strong support, there would be no Riverside Park Speedway. To show our commitment to the competitors, Riverside is making it more affordable and more family-oriented for our competitors at 'The Park.'"

Speaking of the competitors, **Mike Salmund** was crowned the 1996 champion of the Strictly Stock division and earned not only the division's champion trophy, but also \$1,075 in bonus money. He was followed closely by Patrick Townsend (who was edged out of first place by only six points), Dennis Charette, James Sommer, Scott Neleber, Jon Waterhouse, Kris Valerio, Keith Miller, Patrick Kretschman, Scott Ciak, Glen Reilly, Joe Kokoszka, Rick Leavitt, Jonathan Yourga, and Ed Charette.

**Todd Owen**, who plans to move up to the competitive Pro Stock division for 1997, took home the majority of the hardware as he claimed his first Late Model championship and pocketed \$2,141.80 in championship bonus money for his efforts. Rounding out the top 15 in points were Chuck Docherty, Chris Wenzel, Bob Ermark, Rob Valerio, Glenn Griswold, Wayne Coury, Gee Perry, Skip Breunig, Ted Chalmers, Joe Czarnecki, Tom Dileo, Joe Rzesutek, Brian Locke, and Ernie Tarca.

While the Strictly Stock and Late Model divisions were honored during the Friday, November 15th banquet, the Pro Stock and Modified Tour Type divisions were in the spotlight for the Saturday, November 16th banquet.

For the Pro Stocks, **Eddy Carroll** collected his first Riverside Speedway championship and \$3,651.20 in championship bonus money. John Lobo (who had his best season in this division) finished second in the final points, followed by Tom Fearn, Jeff Connors, Tom Carey (the 1995

track champion), Ed Carroll (the aforementioned owner/operator of the speedway), Barry Gray, Scott Bouley, Bennett Fuller, and Jeff Horn.

The Modified Tour Type division was the premier attraction on the night of the second banquet. In only his third full season in a Modified, **Dave Berube** won the track championship in one of the closest point battles in track history. For his efforts, he was awarded \$7,417.40, which included NASCAR's point check, Riverside's point check, NAPA's point check, and Winston's check as the Modified Champion, one of the largest paychecks ever collected by a Riverside Park Speedway track champion.

Ted Riggott leapfrogged into second place in the final standings for the Modifieds, followed by Tom Jensen, Richard Savary, Richard Gallup, Reggie Ruggiero, Tony Papale, Ed Spiers, Fran Principi, and Brian Schofield.

In one of the most unique sponsorship combinations in all of NASCAR's Winston Racing Series, NAPA Auto Parts contributed almost \$5,000 to the point fund and sponsored its own individual point battle throughout the 1996 season. The NAPA champions were also honored at the awards banquets, and the recipients of this bonus money were the following competitors:

Strictly Stocks: **Patrick Townsend** (\$200), Jonathan Yourga (\$100), and Mike Salmund (\$75). Late Models: **Glenn Griswold** (\$350), Rob Valerio (\$250), F.J. Legacy (\$150), Ted Chalmers (\$100), and Joe Czarnecki (\$50). Pro Stocks: **Eddy Carroll** (\$500), Ed Carroll (\$400), and Tom Carey (\$300). Modifieds: **Ted Riggott** (\$700), Dave Berube (\$450), and Tom Jensen (\$350).

In addition to the point fund awards, Riverside's "Specialty Awards" were distributed to the competitors and officials. "Rookie of the Year" honors in the Modified division went to **Renee Dupuis** and **Bobby Summers**; Pro Stock "Rookies of the Year" were **Craig St. Germaine** and **Jeff Baral**; Late Model winners were **Skip Breunig** and **Tom Dileo**; and the Strictly Stocks' top rookies were **Keith Miller**, **Scott Ciak**, and **Mark Anderson**.

The "Most Improved Driver" award in the Modifieds went to **Tom Jensen**; **Jeff Connors** and **Bennett Fuller** in the Pro Stocks; **Chris Wenzel** and **Rob Valerio** in the Late Models; and **Dennis Charette**, **Scott Neleber**, and **Jon Waterhouse** in the Strictlys.

The honor nobody wants to receive, the "Hard Luck" award, went to **Scott Walker** and **Dan Grasso** in the Modifieds; Pro Stock "Hard Luck" recipients were **Les Hinkley**, **Jeff Horn**, and **Fran Colson**; **Glenn Griswold** in the Late Models; and **Joe Kokoszka**, **Scott Bergenty**, and **Mark Anderson** in the Strictlys.

"Best Appearing Car" awards went to **Ted Riggott**, for the third consecutive year, in the Modifieds; "Best Appearing" Pro Stock honors were shared by **Eddy Carroll**, **Jeff Horn**, and **Tom**

**Fearn**; **Bobby Ermark** and **Wayne Coury** had the "Best Appearing" Late Models; and **Tony Keilty** and **Rosi Hall** took home the honors in the Strictlys.

The "Most Professional Team" distinction was awarded to **Dave Berube** in the Modifieds, **Barry Gray** (Pro Stocks), **Chris Wenzel** (Late Models), and **Patrick Townsend** and **Mike Salmund** in the Strictlys.

The "Most Popular" drivers were **Reggie Ruggiero** and **Renee Dupuis** in the Modifieds, **Scott Bouley** in the Pro Stocks, **Todd Owen** in the Late Models, and **Pat Kretschman** and **Rosi Hall** in the Strictlys.

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In addition to recognizing its sponsors with "Special Thanks" awards and handing out "Media Awards" to various supporters of auto racing at the speedway, Riverside honored all of the hard work and dedication of its track officials. The "Favorite NASCAR Official" award for 1996 went to **Tom Stoiner**, in his 15th season at the speedway. The "Favorite Non-NASCAR Official" award honors were shared by **Tony Suffriti** and **Dave Capriati**. **Kim Brooks**, who handicaps each race, was voted Riverside Park Speedway's favorite female official.

The recipients of three of the most coveted awards, which do not necessarily go to officials or competitors (the "Gene Murphy Memorial Award," "Sue Dugan Memorial Award," and the "Rollie Jacobs Class Act Award"), were announced during the Saturday night banquet.

The "Gene Murphy Memorial Award" goes to the person who has done the most to improve and promote racing at Riverside Park Speedway. The 1996 recipients were *Journal Enquirer* writer **Matt Buckler** and track announcer **Gary Danko**.

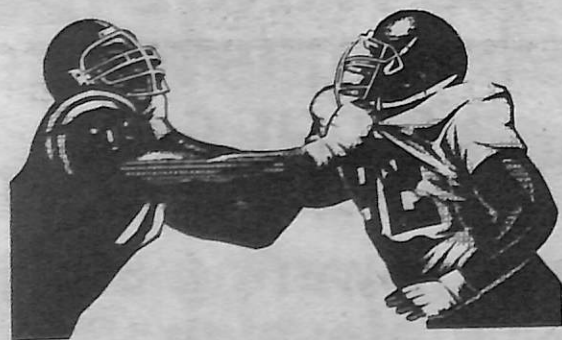
The "Sue Dugan Memorial Award" is named in honor of Sue Dugan, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident while on her way to the races at Riverside Park Speedway. This award named in her honor goes to the most dedicated Riverside Park Speedway official for each season. This season, the award was shared by Riverside's Chief Steward **Dick Brooks** and his wife, **Mary**.

The "Rollie Jacobs Class Act Award" is given to anyone (be it a driver, car owner, race fan, writer, or official) who conducts themselves as a professional, shows integrity, and a commitment to auto racing at Riverside park. The 1996 "Rollie Jacobs Class Act Award" went to **Sonny Richards** of *Speedway Scene*, who is without a doubt committed to Modified racing throughout the country and especially at Riverside Park.

The banquets culminated with dining and dancing until the wee hours of the morning. Riverside is scheduled to reopen with its "Budweiser Big Chill" on April 12, 1997 featuring NASCAR's Tour Type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks.



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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### A "Traditional" Late Fall...

The predicted warming trend in the weather has finally arrived, and area sportsmen are enjoying the traditional late-fall outdoors. Area bow hunters are having mixed success, and area anglers are having a fall bonanza.

The Division will have the remainder of the stocking allotments of pheasant out in open covers and wildlife management areas. The outlook for decent bird hunting looks promising for the short remainder of the season.

Houndsmen (and women, for that matter) are having a ball, slogging through swamps and trudging through thick underbrush, while following the hound music. The raccoon population is back on the rise, and good friends George Powl and his wife, Kerri, have been getting some good coon runs at area farms.

On the feminine side of the sport, Kerri does not "borrow" husband George's gear, but has her own complete outfit, 4 x 4 Bronco, and her own Bluetick hound pack. Although slender and dainty in appearance, she can climb the ledges and wade the swamps with the best of her male counterparts.

Remember, the family that coon hunts together will probably come home tired, thorn-scratched, soaking wet, and smelling like the swamp. If that isn't enough encouragement to get the lady of the house outdoors at night, then I don't know what is!

#### FISH REPORT

Salt water fish reports are slowing down, but the word is that Tautog fishing continues to be at least average, schoolie strippers remain abundant, and some cow bass are still being taken on the Connecticut Shore and along the Rhode Island coast.

Freshwater fishing should be good for holdover and fall-stocked trout in area lakes, provided that they do not ice up prematurely. Boats trolling area lakes have been scoring in the early morning hours, trolling spinners, Mooselucks, and streamers. As the sun gets higher in the skies, try deeper tactics.

Thermoclines have broken up in many area ponds, allowing oxygen-rich surface water to mingle with the deeper water. This gives the fish an expanded range for their comfort zone as far as dissolved oxygen is concerned.

#### CLUB NEWS

I would like to take this occasion to invite any of the local sportsmen's clubs, bass clubs, and any other organized group of sportsmen or sportswomen to send me their club news for publication in this column.

"Outdoors New England" is not my column — it is YOUR column. It is YOUR forum. I merely write it. Please send your announcements and reports and stories to my attention, care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Enjoy a safe week on the water, as well as in the fields and woods. See you in the pheasant fields Thanksgiving morning. I'll be the guy in the orange hat. Happy Thanksgiving!

## St. Michael's Continues To Hold On To First Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

With Round One winding down fast, St. Michael (24 wins) still holds first place in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League.

St. Mike's faced second place St. Mary (21 wins) in a pretty good tussle. St. Mike's winners were third roller "Reliable" LARRY FORTIER (357, leads Men's B at 100.6) and substitute anchorman LANCE "The Harpoon" POIRIER (395). "The Harpoon" really lanced St. Mary's Captain RICH SNYDER, who fired a nifty 355 of his own (110.16 in Men's AA). "The Harpoon" POIRIER, incidentally, is the brother-in-law of Mr. Snyder and husband of famous Tri-Parish women's roller DEBBIE POIRIER.

The two winners for St. Mary's were leadoff MARIE LYNOSKY (281, leads Women's A at 94.6) and second roller BOB "The Beastmaster" BURKE (342, 102.3 in Unclassified). "The Beastmaster" is the Town of Agawam's famous animal control officer. Also rolling well in a losing cause for St. Mike's was substitute second roller BARBARA HOWARD (303).

Over on Lanes 3 & 4, third place Catholic University (19 wins) was up against fourth place Fordham (18 wins) in another key contest. And it was a CU night. CU winners were second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (313, 95.13 in Women's AA), third roller FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (335-326 over JOHN LONCRINI; Frankie is at 99.1 in Men's B), and fierce Captain BILL "Black & Blue" GRAY. He fired a torrid 408 (120.20 in Men's Open) at dazed, fazed, and overwhelmed "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER (320, 108.8 in Men's Open).

The lone winner for Fordham was leadoff roller LINDA TOBEY (297, 77.12 in Women's C).

Ninth place St. Anselm (16 wins) tried to stay out of the cellar when facing last place Georgetown (15 wins). And G-Town had a clean

sweep in an inspiring match.

G-Town winners were leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (293; 88.22 in Men's C), old friend LARRY VIENS (substitute role; 335), DEBBIE POIRIER (348, 110.23 to lead Women's Open), and Captain "Wild" BILL GRIFFIN (314, leads Men's A at 111.21). "Wild" Bill defeated the challenge of "Luscious" LOU MULDER (309, 104.7 in Men's AA). Rolling well in a losing effort to Debbie Poirier was DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (336).

Fifth place Notre Dame (17 wins) stopped sixth place Boston College (17 wins) on Lanes 5 & 6. ND winners were second roller VENETTA SNYDER (309, 93.3 in Women's A) and Captain FLO ROCHFORD (341, 101.16 in Women's Open). Flo really laid the wood to a wounded and howling "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (270, 100.21 in Men's A), the BC captain.

A good match-up saw ND third roller MARY THOMAS (95.6 in Women's AA) and YVONNE CHARTIER (99.6 in Women's Open) deadlock at 330 each. The lone BC winner was leadoff DORIS FORTIER (305, leads Women's B at 88.14).

In the final match of the night, Holy Cross (7th place/17 wins) came up against St. Louis (8th place/16 wins) over on Lanes 7 & 8. This, too, was pretty good match. St. Lou winners were "Terrible" TERRY CERPOVICZ (292, 98.2 in Women's AA) and Captain GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS (380, leads Men's AA at 116.7). "Not Sam" is a rising star in this league after a few seasons of so-so rolling. He defeated HC anchorage PAULA BURKE (357), the assistant money-gal (treasurer) at Agawam Town Hall.

The two HC winners were leadoff MARSHA DOBIE (252, leads Women's C at 86.8) and SUE GRIFFIN (329, leads Women's AA at 101.23).

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## Agawam Little League Baseball Plans Umpire's Sign-Ups For December 7th

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## Agawam Piranhas Open Winter Season With Loss To Amherst Swimmers

The Agawam Piranhas held their first meet of the winter season on November 16, 1996. The team, with a roster of 84 swimmers (headed by coach Michelle Wheeler and assistant coach Beth Fleury), lost against the Amherst team, 465-388, at Amherst Junior High School.

The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

Johannah Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Tammy Gorman, Megan Lalli, Julie Gorman, and Johannah Kos placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Allison Ventulett, second in 25-yard freestyle; Johannah Kos, first in 25-yard butterfly; Thara Sekkal, second in 50-yard freestyle; Stephanie Scavotto, second in 25-yard backstroke; and Tammy Gorman, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

The team of Adam Deliefde, Shaun Bruso, Matthew Styckiewicz, and William Barker III placed second in the 100-yard medley relay.

Shaun Bruso, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Matthew Styckiewicz, Adam Deliefde, Anthony Ardolino, and William Barker III placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Shaun Bruso, second, and Matthew Styckiewicz, third in 25-yard freestyle; Anthony Ardolino, second in 25-yard butterfly, and second in 50-yard freestyle; William Barker III, second, and Adam Deliefde, third in 25-yard backstroke.

### Girls 9-10:

The team of Leeann Morytko, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Jillian Kos, first, and Jessica Lalli, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Kaitlin Bond, Danielle Poggi, Abriana Spagnoli, and Jessica Lalli placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Leeann Morytko, second, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jillian Kos, first, and Katie Gorman, second in 50-yard butterfly; Bethany Reid, first in 100-yard freestyle; Leeann Morytko, first in 50-yard backstroke; and Bethany Reid, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 9-10:

The team of Erik Deliefde, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Doug Duquette placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Benjamin Bruso, second in 100-yard individual medley.

Connor Dooley, Alan Gallerani, Anthony Ruell, and Erik Deliefde placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first, and Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 50-yard butterfly; Doug Duquette, second in 100-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first in 50-yard backstroke; and Jeffrey Lagasse, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 11-12:

Hilary Golas, first in 200-yard individual medley. The team of Brittany Theriaque, Nicole Breivogel, Lindsay Carey, and Allison Morris placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Brittany Theriaque, second in 200-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first in 50-yard butterfly; Kyliegh Egan, second, and Nicole Breivogel, third in 100-yard freestyle; Lindsay Carey, third in 50-yard backstroke; and Ashley King, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 11-12:

Daniel Adamski, second in 200-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first, and Michael Lalli, third in

50-yard freestyle; Tom Gorman, first in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first in 100-yard freestyle; Michael Lalli, first in 50-yard backstroke; Tom Gorman, second, and Kyle Sullivan, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 13-14:

The team of Rachel Morris, Jennifer Reid, Shannon Costa, and Rebecca Morytko placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Hilary King, Christina Climo, Katie Gallagher, and Lauren Gaffney placed second.

Shannon Costa, first, and Kaitlin Morris, third in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Christina Climo, Jennifer Grimaldi, Amanda Therrien, and Lauren Gaffney placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Hilary King, first, Christina Climo, second, and Katie Gallagher, third in 200-yard freestyle; Rebecca Morytko, second, and Katie Gallagher, third in 50-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, first in 100-yard butterfly; Shannon Costa, first, Rachel Morris, second, and Christina Climo, third in 100-yard freestyle; Lauren Gaffney, second, and Kaitlin Morris, third in 100-yard backstroke; and Jennifer Reid, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 13-14:

Nathan Adamski, second in 200-yard freestyle; Matthew Francis, first in 50-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard freestyle; and Nathan Adamski, first in 100-yard backstroke.

### Girls 15-18:

Shaunessy Egan, first, and Brenna McGinn, second in 200-yard freestyle; Brenna McGinn, second in 50-yard freestyle; Shaunessy Egan, first, and Brenna McGinn, second in 100-yard freestyle; and Shaunessy Egan, first in 100-yard backstroke.

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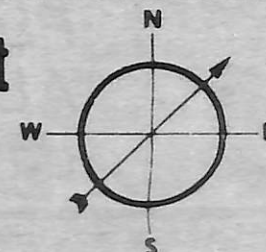
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